Containment near on 14,000 acre fire in LA County

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Firefighters have made significant progress in taming an aggressive wildfire that has burned almost 14,000 acres in northern Los Angeles County.

By 6am Sunday, containment of the Crown fire, which had ravaged areas of western Palmdale and the Leona Valley, had reached 87%, according to Inspector Don Kunitomi, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Firefighters worked through the night, constructing additional containment lines, extinguishing embers and patrolling burn areas, officials said.

Kunitomi said that, despite low humidity, calmer winds had aided firefighters in dousing the blaze.

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