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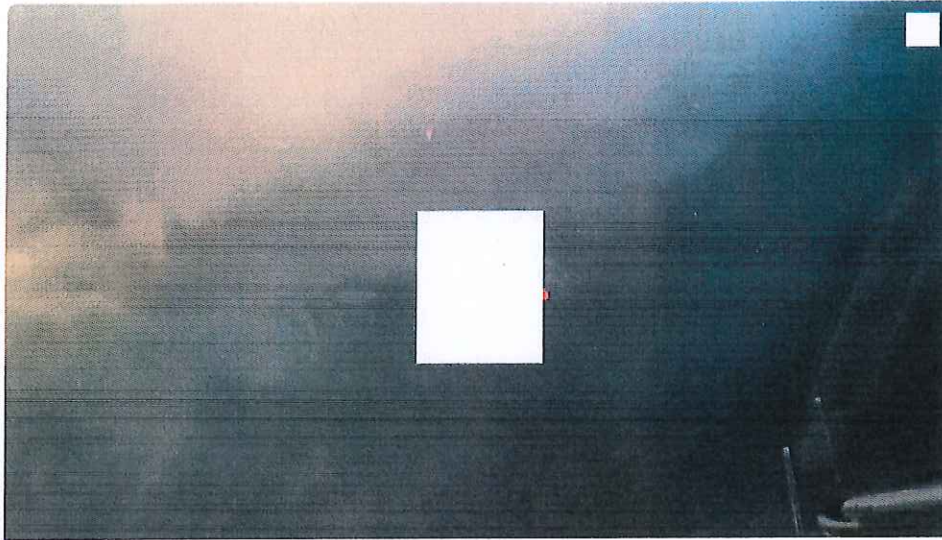
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Firefighters were struggling to contain four wildfires in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, after a blaze broke out Wednesday morning within the LA city limits. The

wildfires have burned a total of more than 100,000 acres, threatened more than 12,000 homes and other buildings and shut down 265 schools.

"These are days that break your heart but they are also days that show the resilience of our city," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

So far, no one has died in the wildfires, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or CalFire.



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The latest wildfire erupted in the tony Bel-Air neighborhood of Los Angeles, shutting down part of the 405 freeway, a major thoroughfare. The nearby Getty Center was closed to protect the art collection from smoke damage.

The Skirball Fire began as a brush fire in an area known for its multimillion-dollar real estate and then consumed several homes, prompting a mandatory evacuation order in the area. Aerial footage showed flames and heavy smoke leaping the steep slopes of the Sepulveda Pass. The blaze covered around 475 acres as of late Wednesday and was only 5 percent contained, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.