After the Fire Flowchart

If your property has been affected by wildfires, here is a guide to follow. This will provide some organization to the process.

1. **On the Way Home**
   Look up, down, and around for road obstacles, loose or downed powerlines, rocks, road damage.

2. **Back on the Property**
   Make sure it’s ok to return. Wear protective gear and do a walk-around. Check for smells or sights of embers. If power is off, call utility provider.

3. **Enter the House**
   Leave lights off, enter house to check for heat, smells or sights of smoke. Check for gas or water leaks. Once safe, turn on main circuit box. Throw out food tainted with smoke or that has not been refrigerated.

4. **Outside Assessment**
   Consult checklist and map out items checked for your property. This will set up for prioritizing, qualifying, and obtaining funding.

5. **Make Specialist Contacts**
   Various local, non-profit, County, State, and Federal specialists and technical assistants can offer assistance for mapping, definitions, prioritizing, and planning.

6. **Obtain Funding**
   Work with specialists and technical assistants to determine if your project needs qualify for funding, if funding is available, and if short- or long-term projects are best suited for post-fire work.

7. **Contact Contractors**
   Specialists and technical assistants can provide a list of professionals for you to choose. Set up contracts with specifications unique to your project needs. Develop an economy of scale by working with neighbors where possible.

8. **Get the Work Done**
   Timing is important for certain projects like erosion control and timber salvage. Plan with short- and long-term management goals and objectives.

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