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**Here in Siskiyou County, the historic Lincoln Heights neighborhood is one of the many communities devastated by wildfire this year.**

[Headline of New York Times: Wildfire Destroys a Piece of Black History in Rural California. Fade to image of Chester on his property with mask and shovel.]

SOT Chester Hopkins: "I'm 65 so I grew up here, I knew almost every family in the neighborhood. My grandfather came here in the 1920s and worked at the Mill."

**The state managed and funded debris clean-up program is helping survivors get back on their property. crews safely removed the ash**

**Crews have removed ash and debris on the Hopkins' property. Next is testing the soil for contaminants to protect the Hopkins and others in Lincoln Heights who want to rebuild.**

SOT Chester Hopkins: "This is home. ... We grew up in this neighborhood, and we've been here for all this time, so we need to come back and enjoy where we started."

**Track the progress of debris removal at [CALRECYCLE.CA.GOV](http://CALRECYCLE.CA.GOV).**