

Good signs can help save lives



Francine Ct.— this sign is marginal by day, at night it's impossible to see.



El Dorado Trail—This sign, located well off the road, is difficult to find in the day and impossible to find at night.



Sign by Day



Sign by Night

WHY DO WE NEED SIGNS?

During the Butte Fire thousands of out-of-town firefighters and law enforcement personnel came to our aid but found that it was hard to locate people and homes in our district because many of our roads are not well marked with signs readable in day, night and adverse conditions. The signage on private (not county maintained) roads is not adequate to enable them to quickly locate homes and citizens in the fire area. If we are going to ask for help from outsiders, we must be prepared to help them give it.

While Central Calaveras Fire & Rescue has reliable maps of our area, personnel from out of the area have to rely on commercial maps and GPS, neither of which give sufficiently detailed and reliable information on homes here.

While major fires are not rare, they are at least infrequent. On the other hand, 80% of emergency assistance calls are for medical issues and often require an ambulance from San Andreas, Angels Camp, West Point, or farther away to respond. If these drivers cannot locate their patient, serious consequences can result.

WHO PAYS FOR THIS?

Realizing that these signs are necessary for the safety of you and your neighbors, and realizing that most citizens are now occupied with recovering from this disaster, Central Fire has obtained private funding from the Calaveras Community Foundation to purchase the required signs, posts and hardware and will be using volunteer labor to install them in accordance with the requirements of the Calaveras County Code.

This program is being carried out at no expense to the taxpayers and property owners.

THE COUNTY CODE:

The Calaveras County Code requires signage on public and private roads:

12.02.250 - Signs and striping.

A All roads shall be properly signed and striped. Signing and striping limits shall be set forth in improvement plans.

B. (FIRE). Road name signs shall be placed at each intersection, visible from both directions of vehicular travel. Road name signs shall be a minimum of four inches letter height, three-eighths-inch stroke, reflectorized and shall be placed on a contrasting background.

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