

To Whom it May Concern,

When my husband, David Coddington, bought his property in the early 70's the deed said that he was buying property on Fern Creek Road, in Caspar. At that time, there was only one leg to Fern Creek Road that ended just beyond our property. All of the properties along the road had deeds stating that those properties were located on Fern Creek Road. A few years later another road was built off of Fern Creek Road and was somehow able to also call itself Fern Creek Road. That is when things became confused out here. When I first called the county to get clarity, around 1990, their maps didn't even show the newer leg of Fern Creek Road. I have personally spent the time to look up that recorded history at the County Recorder's office.

When I moved in with my husband, in 1989, there were two entries to our road. One way was following Fern Creek Road, and the other was Caspar Orchard Road. At one time one of the neighbors along Fern Creek Road had asked that the location of the road be moved from cutting through the middle of his property to the boundary lines of his property and everyone agreed to this change. Unfortunately, the road was moved to a very boggy area, it becomes unusable in wet weather and expensive to maintain. Over time people who lived on our road began to use Caspar Orchard Road as their main entry point, stopped identifying with Fern Creek Road, and informally took up the name of Caspar Orchard Road. Soon, properties began to change hands and the deeds began to read Caspar Orchard Road even though the road was not formally renamed.

We have had a number of emergency situations where neither the ambulance nor the coroner was unable to find our home. Fortunately, we were lucky and things worked out, however these were real emergencies and the only reason that we could not get the support that we needed, in a timely fashion, was because of the confusion of the addresses.

Aside from the concern regarding emergency and fire support we also have the frustration of not being able to have our packages or mail find their way to our house by the carriers who will drop our packages off at any house that seems to suit them at the moment and we get a phone call.

I have taken maps to the emergency room at the hospital, to the fire department

and to the sheriffs office hoping that this would help. I have also taken maps to UPS, explaining the situation and asked them to call me rather than try to deliver, but they continued to try to deliver. The current problem is that people trust the information on GPS systems and then they get frustrated and lost. Our address numbers are out of sync, the name of the road is confusing, etc.

I have been attending meetings with the Caspar Preparedness Group, and at one meeting a few years ago they brought up the confusion that our road creates for a functioning rescue plan. They were really happy when I recently mentioned that we have gotten this far in the process of renaming the road, and they loved the name Casparado Road!

I am in strong favor to have the name change, even though it is a hassle to make all of the changes that we will need to make. We are in stressful times, yet having emergency support know where to find us and the people who live on our property will make us rest easier. I am also willing to give support to anyone on the road who does not feel up to the challenge of making an address change, even though there isn't anyone on the road at this time who, I believe, can not rise to the occasion or doesn't have support to help them out.

Thank you for considering this, and to Russell Ford for understanding the situation and offering to help out.

Sincerely,

Tracey Coddington