

# Connecting with Nature on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve



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Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) is dedicated to protecting and restoring Monterey pine forest on the Ranch.

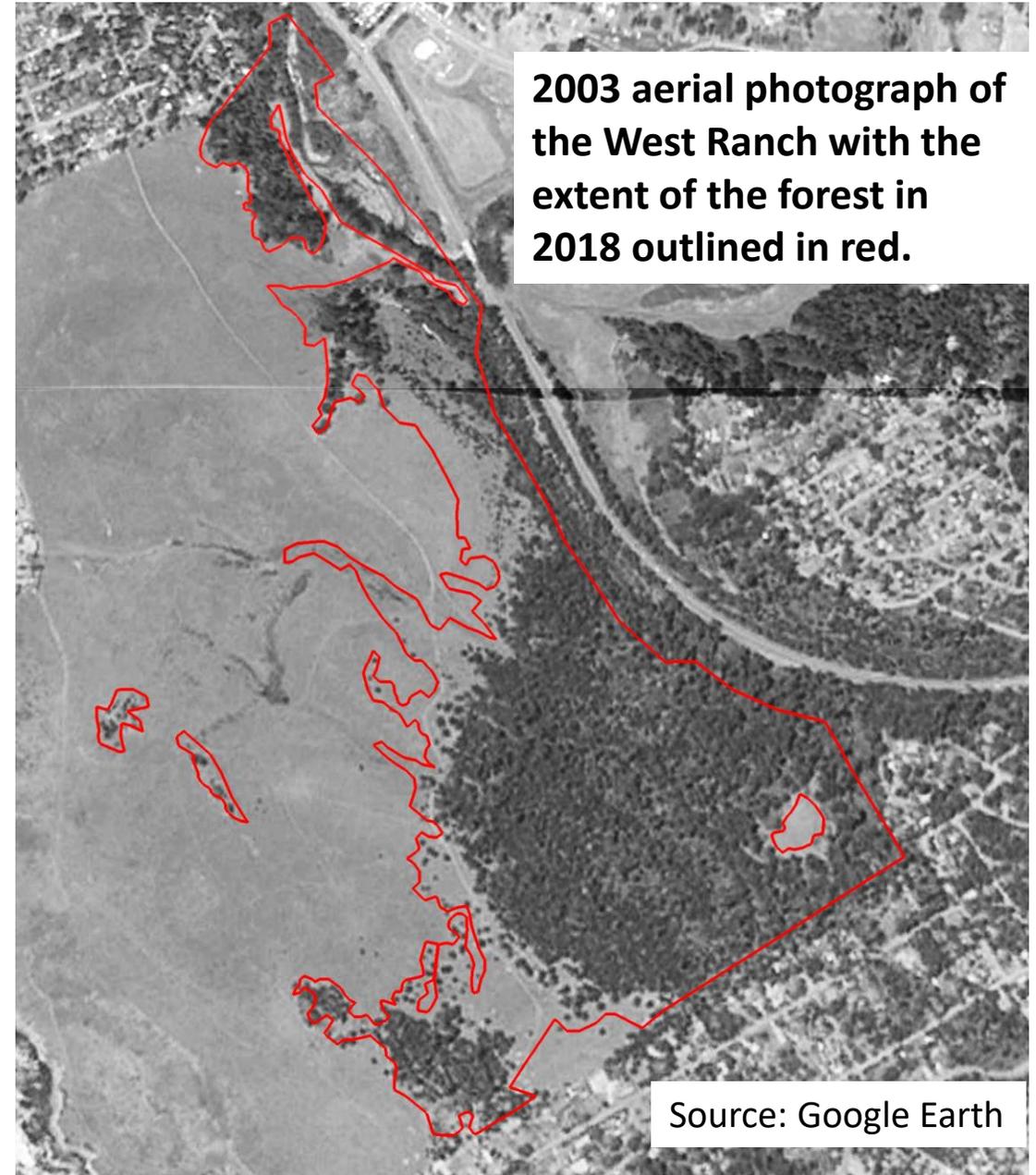
In the last 20 years, since the Ranch became public open space, FFRP volunteers have planted thousands of saplings while Cambria Community Services District has ensured that, as the forest expands, their management adapts with its new range.

Between planting and

natural regeneration, the forest on the West Ranch covered approx. 125 acres in 2018, an increase of 25% from 2003 (right).

Not only do FFRP volunteers grow and plant trees, they follow up with watering during dry years, mulching to retain moisture, and monitoring of the new stands.

Look for our Thanksgiving Weekend Tree Planting event this year so you can become a force for nature!



**2003 aerial photograph of the West Ranch with the extent of the forest in 2018 outlined in red.**

Source: Google Earth