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WELCOME to all our new clients and THANK YOU to those clients and friends who referred new business to us this year. We appreciate your referrals and hope that you will think of us throughout the upcoming year.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT JACK'S PEAK USE TO BE KNOWN AS

"OL' BARE BOTTOM"

Yes! In the late 19th century, the double crests of Jack's Peak were clear cut and burned off to create pasture land for cows and sheep. Chip Bates, a resident of the Peak, recalls his first memories of the Peak being grassy meadows, chalk-rock trails, and a few cattle fences.

But, Chip's father, Dr. Talcott Bates, had a vision... and an earnest desire to see the Peak returned to a forest habitat. And, that he did.

In the late 1960s, Talcott and some friends founded the trust that acquired the crest and south face of the Peak. Then, with Monterey Pine seedlings provided by the California Department of Forestry, the Bates family launched a four year planting effort.

Chip, age 9 at the time, recalls those winter days. They started in December each year and worked through the rainy season. Every Saturday, rain or shine, the Bates "Corps of Engineers" (Talcott, Chip and his brother Tony)

trekked to the chalky south face with the tiny newspaper-wrapped seedlings and planting spades.

They added no amendments to the soil. Just dug each plant site, placed the seedling and pressed the rough soil in with the toes of their boots.

"But," says Chip, "the planting was the easy part... the tough part was the watering!" Each seedling had to be watered at the time of planting, then once a week for a month, and once a month for a year. The water was carted up the rugged trails in 50-gallon drums in the back of their VW van (what fun), and then ladled on by hand.

Following this steady, systematic approach, the Bates successfully re-forested the south-east slope of the Peak with hundreds of new trees. While walking the Jack's Peak trails today, visitors can see and appreciate the contrasting beauty of the old-growth north-west slopes and the new-growth south-east crest.

