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LANDS END INC  
Form 8-K  
February 14, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 14, 2002

LANDS' END, INC.  
(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other  
jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-9769  
(Commission  
File Number)

36-2512786  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification  
Number)

Lands' End Lane, Dodgeville, Wisconsin  
(Address of principal executive offices)

53595  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number 608-935-9341  
including area code

INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

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### Item 5. Other Events.

Attached as Exhibit 99 to this report is a news release issued on February 14, 2002, by Lands' End, Inc., announcing its raising of its earnings guidance for fiscal 2002, ended February 1, 2002.

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, its duly authorized officer and chief financial officer.

LANDS' END, INC.

February 14, 2002

By: /S/ DONALD R. HUGHES  
Donald R. Hughes  
Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 99

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LANDS' END RAISES EARNINGS GUIDANCE  
DODGEVILLE, Wis. ... February 14, 2002 ... Lands' End, Inc. (LE), the direct merchant of classically styled apparel and home furnishings, is raising its earnings guidance for fiscal 2002, ended February 1, 2002. The company currently expects that diluted earnings per share for fiscal 2002 will be at least \$2.20 versus the previously expected range of \$2.11 to \$2.18, as stated in mid-January, and last year's \$1.14. This

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change in guidance is due primarily to stronger than expected January sales. Total revenue for the year just ended is up 7 percent from the prior year.

### Fourth quarter earnings release

Lands' End will release its fourth quarter, year-end earnings report on March 14, 2002, before the market opens. A conference call and live audio web cast is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. CT, and a replay will be available.

### Statement regarding forward-looking information

Statements in this release that are not historical, including, without limitation, statements regarding our plans, expectations, assumptions, and estimations for fiscal 2002 revenues, gross profit margin, and earnings, as well as anticipated sales trends and future development of our business strategy, are considered forward-looking and speak only as of today's date. As such, these statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Future results may be materially different from those expressed or implied by these statements due to a number of factors. Currently, we believe that the principal factors that create uncertainty about our future results are the following: customer response to our merchandise offerings, circulation changes and other initiatives; the mix of our sales between full price and liquidation merchandise; overall consumer confidence and general economic conditions, both domestic and foreign; effects of weather on customer purchasing behavior; effects of shifting patterns of e-commerce versus catalog purchases; costs associated with printing and mailing catalogs and fulfilling orders; dependence on consumer seasonal buying patterns; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; and changes that may have different effects on the various sectors in which we operate (e.g., rather than individual consumers, the Business Outfitters division, included in the specialty segment, sells to numerous corporations, and certain of these sales are for their corporate promotional activities). Our future results could, of course, be affected by other factors as well. More information about these risks and uncertainties may be found in the company's 10-K filings with the S.E.C.

The company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

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