

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2014

**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):**

**October 20, 2014**

**COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)**

**0-20288  
(Commission File Number)**

**91-1422237  
IRS Employer Identification No.**

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**1301 A Street**

**Tacoma, WA 98402**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900**

**(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act of (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act of (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On October 20, 2014, Columbia Banking System, Inc. ( Columbia ) and Intermountain Community Bancorp ( Intermountain ) issued a joint press release announcing the election deadline of October 27, 2014 for Intermountain shareholders to elect to receive the form of consideration with respect to the proposed merger of Intermountain with and into Columbia. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Joint Press Release issued October 20, 2014

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: October 20, 2014

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie J. Dressel  
Melanie J. Dressel  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit No. | Description                                |
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| 99.1        | Joint Press Release dated October 20, 2014 |