

POTLATCH CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GILLIS RUTH ANN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

601 W. RIVERSIDE AVE., SUITE 1100

(Street)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
POTLATCH CORP [PCH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code | V | | |
| | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | (D) | Price | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nu Sha |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 42.84 <u>(1)</u> | 03/31/2006 | A | 836.886 | | | | | 01/01/2014 ⁽²⁾ | 01/31/2014 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 83 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GILLIS RUTH ANN M 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVE. SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201 | X | | | |

Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,
Attorney-in-Fact

04/04/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Phantom stock units are credited to the reporting person's account on the transaction date in accordance with the provisions of the

(1) Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors and will be converted to cash and paid on a 1-for-1 basis with the issuer's common stock.

(2) Phantom stock units will be converted to cash and paid on the date previously elected by the reporting person in accordance with the provisions of the Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors.

(3) Phantom stock unit beneficial ownership total includes phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report. Phantom stock allocations in this report include quarterly retainer fees and a special distribution declared by the Issuer and paid on March 31, 2006 to stockholders of record on February 14, 2006.

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