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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

POTLATCH CORP [PCH]

(Month/Day/Year)

03/31/2006

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

601 W. RIVERSIDE AVE., SUITE

(Street)

1100

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration

(Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (ADisposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f(D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An Nu Sha
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 42.84 (1)	03/31/2006		A		836.886		01/01/2014(2)	01/31/2014(2)	Common Stock	83

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolong of the Fund of Fundament	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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - 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.
- 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.
- Phantom stock unit beneficial ownership total includes phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account (3) 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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