

POTLATCH CORP
Form 4
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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 *
OLSON JOHN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
601 WEST 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)
03/23/2006

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)
Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/23/2006 ⁽¹⁾		J	A	971.527 <u>(1)</u> \$ 0 <u>(2)</u> 3,473.527	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2006		J	A	2,432.865 <u>(3)</u> \$ 0 <u>(2)</u> 8,698.291	I	By 401(k) Plan

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OLSON JOHN R 601 WEST RIVERSIDE AVE. SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201			Vice President	

Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/27/2006

__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).
- The Issuer declared a special distribution of \$15.15 per share of common stock, payable on March 31, 2006 to stockholders of record on February 14, 2006. The special distribution is payable in the form of cash, shares of Potlatch common stock, or a combination of both, at the election of each stockholder. Shares were valued for purposes of the special distribution based on the average of the closing sales price per share from and including 3/21/06 through and including 3/23/06. The number of shares reported assumes the reporting person will receive the special distribution 100% in common stock. However, the actual number of shares issued to the reporting person may differ from the number reported by virtue of elections made by other stockholders and ownership limitations contained in the Issuer's certificate of incorporation. The reporting person will file an amendment to this Form 4 if the actual number of shares issued to him differs from the amounts reported herein.
- (1) will receive the special distribution 100% in common stock. However, the actual number of shares issued to the reporting person may differ from the number reported by virtue of elections made by other stockholders and ownership limitations contained in the Issuer's certificate of incorporation. The reporting person will file an amendment to this Form 4 if the actual number of shares issued to him differs from the amounts reported herein.
 - (2) No consideration was paid for the stock received as a result of the special distribution.
 - (3) For all 401(k) Plan accounts, the special distribution was paid 100% in common stock.

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