

RAYONIER INC  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2007

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**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): 05/22/2007**

**RAYONIER INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 1-6780**

**North Carolina**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**13-2607329**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**50 North Laura Street**  
Jacksonville, Florida  
32202

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**904-357-9100**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Information to be included in the report

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On May 22, 2007 the Company announced that Hans E. Vanden Noort, 48, currently the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, has been elected as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer effective June 1, 2007. Mr. Vanden Noort joined Rayonier as Corporate Controller in 2001, and was elected to his current position in August 2005. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Vanden Noort's election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference by reference herein.

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**Signature(s)**

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.

RAYONIER INC.

Date: May 23, 2007

By: /s/ HANS E. VANDEN NOORT

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Hans E. Vanden Noort  
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

**Exhibit Index**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
EX-99.1	Press release entitled "Rayonier Names Vanden Noort Chief Financial Officer" issued May 22, 2007.