

POTLATCH CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RIORDAN MICHAEL T**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**601 W. FIRST AVENUE, SUITE  
1600**

(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)  
**12/05/2008**

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)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

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

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

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| (Instr. 3)                               | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |           |     |                     |                    |                 |                                  |  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                                          |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                          | (A)       | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 25.85                           | 12/05/2008       | A          |                                                            | 2,514.507 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 2,514.507<br><u>(3)</u>          |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                            | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIORDAN MICHAEL T<br>601 W. FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1600<br>SPOKANE, WA 99201 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael S. Gadd,  
Attorney-in-Fact

**\*\*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).
- (1) Phantom stock units are credited to the reporting person's account on the transaction date in accordance with the provisions of the Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors II 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 upon the reporting person's termination from service with Potlatch in accordance with the provisions of the Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors II.
- (3) Phantom stock unit beneficial ownership represents phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report. These phantom stock allocations represent an annual award grant.
- (4) Includes phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report that represents quarterly dividends.

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