GILLIS RUTH ANN M

Form 4

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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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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

POTLATCH CORP [PCH]

(Check all applicable)

(First)

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

10/01/2009

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

601 W. FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1600

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. Title and Amo Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Underlying Secu Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date (A) An Nu Sh Phantom 70 Common 01/01/2015(2) 01/01/2015(2) Stock \$ 27.07 10/01/2009 Α 701.884 Stock Units (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GILLIS RUTH ANN M 601 W. FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1600 X SPOKANE, WA 99201

Signatures

/s/ Pamela Mull, Attorney in Fact 10/02/2009

**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 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 on the date previously elected by the reporting person in accordance with the provisions of the Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors II.
- Phantom stock unit beneficial ownership represents phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account (3) since the reporting person's last report. These phantom stock allocations represent meeting attendance fees and a quarterly distribution of the annual retainer fee.
- (4) Includes phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report that represents a quarterly dividend.

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