

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Form 8-K  
June 18, 2009

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) June 17, 2009

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

COLORADO  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

84-0467208  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2-17039  
(Commission File Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78752-1602  
(Zip code)

(512) 836-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act  
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 17, 2009, National Western Life Insurance Company (“Company”) announced an upgrade of financial strength rating via press release. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 8.01 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The press release is available at the Company's website, [www.nationalwesternlife.com](http://www.nationalwesternlife.com).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

( d ) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1        | Press Release dated June 17, 2009 |

SIGNATURE

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.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY

/S/Brian M. Pribyl  
Brian M. Pribyl  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: June 18, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description   |
|---------|---|
| 99.1    | Press Release of National Western Life Insurance Company issued June 17, 2009 announcing an upgrade of financial strength rating. |

