

POTLATCH CORP
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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 *
SIEGEL L PENDLETON

(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)
 05/09/2006

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)
 Chairman of the Board

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/09/2006		M		31,645	A	\$ 29.5181
Common Stock	05/09/2006		S		31,645	D	\$ 39.3529
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.5181	05/09/2006		M	31,645	<u>(1)</u> 12/05/2006	Common Stock	31,645	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIEGEL L PENDLETON 601 WEST RIVERSIDE AVE. SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201	X		Chairman of the Board	

Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/11/2006

 **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).
- (1) The reporting person was granted stock options on December 5, 1996, which vested in two equal annual installments on the anniversary dates of the grant. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1995 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) The stock option, after exercise, was sold at an average price of \$39.3529 per share.

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