

POTLATCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
November 07, 2005

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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): November 4, 2005

**POTLATCH CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-5313**  
(Commission File Number)

**82-0156045**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**601 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 1100**

**Spokane, WA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**99201**  
(Zip Code)

**509-835-1500**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

(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 obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240-13e-4(c))
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**SECTION 8 OTHER EVENTS**

**ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.**

L. Pendleton Siegel, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Potlatch Corporation (the Company), informed the Company of his intent to exercise his option to purchase up to 90,281 shares of the Company's common stock previously granted to him in accordance with the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 1989, 1995 and 2000 Stock Incentive Plans. Of the 90,281 shares, Mr. Siegel indicated that he would exercise and sell 80,281 shares and exercise and retain the remaining 10,000 shares.

On November 4, 2005, Mr. Siegel exercised his option to purchase a total of 80,281 shares in a cashless exercise and sold the shares of common stock through a broker at prices ranging from \$44.57 to \$44.82 per share.

On or about the day the 80,281 share transaction settles, Mr. Siegel will use a portion of the net proceeds from the transaction, after taxes, to exercise his option to purchase the remaining 10,000 shares, which he intends to retain as an investment.

These transactions will be reported on two Form 4s, Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as required.

**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.

Dated: November 7, 2005

POTLATCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ Malcolm A. Ryerse  
Malcolm A. Ryerse  
Corporate Secretary