

KELLY RICHARD K
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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 *
KELLY RICHARD K

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, 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)
 02/21/2006

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)
 Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	9,770 A \$ 16.5501	9,770	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	9,770 D \$ 36.2518	0	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	6,014 A \$ 22.0713	6,014	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	6,014 D \$ 36.2518	0	D	

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.5501	02/21/2006		M	9,770	⁽¹⁾ 12/05/2012	Common Stock	9,770
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.0713	02/21/2006		M	6,014	⁽³⁾ 12/04/2013	Common Stock	6,014

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KELLY RICHARD K 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201			Vice President	

Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,
Attorney-in-fact

02/21/2006

 Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The reporting person was granted stock options on December 5, 2002, which vested in two equal annual installments on the anniversary date 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 \$36.2518 per share.
- (3) The reporting person was granted stock options on December 4, 2003, which vested in two equal annual installments on the anniversary date of the grant. The grant was made under the stockholder-approved Potlatch Corporation 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

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