

GILLIS RUTH ANN M  
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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 \*  
**GILLIS RUTH ANN M**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**POTLATCH CORP [PCH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, SUITE 1100**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/21/2006**

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

**SPOKANE, WA 99201**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	A	\$ 6,526	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2006		S	D	\$ 2,831	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)	\$ 22.0713	02/21/2006		M	6,051 (1)	12/04/2005 12/04/2013	Common Stock	6,051

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILLIS RUTH ANN M 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201	X			

## Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 02/22/2006

\*\*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 7,517 stock options (as adjusted) 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. The reporting person exercised the stock option to purchase 6,051 of the underlying shares, and of those shares, 3,695 shares were
- (2) subsequently sold at an average price of \$36.1507 per share. The remaining 2,356 shares were purchased upon exercise and added to the shares previously owned by the reporting person.

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