

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**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

601 W. FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1600

(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)  
 01/02/2009

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)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of S
Phantom Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 25.48	01/02/2009		A		745.68		01/01/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/01/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	745 (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILLIS RUTH ANN M 601 W. FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1600 SPOKANE, WA 99201	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Pamela A. Mull,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/06/2009

\*\*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).
- Phantom stock units are credited to the reporting person's account on the transaction date in accordance with the provisions of the
- (1) Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors II and will be converted to cash and paid on a 1-for-1 basis with the issuer's common stock.
  - (2) Phantom stock units will be converted to cash and paid on the date previously elected by the reporting person in accordance with the provisions of the Potlatch Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors II.
  - (3) Phantom stock unit beneficial ownership represents phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report. These phantom stock allocations represent meeting attendance fees and a quarterly retainer fee.
- Includes phantom stock allocated to the reporting person's Deferred Compensation Account since the reporting person's last report that
- (4) represents a quarterly dividend and dividend equivalents and an anti-dilution adjustment made in connection with the December 16, 2008 spin-off of Clearwater Paper Corporation.

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