

Temple Thomas J.  
Form 4  
February 21, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Temple Thomas J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

601 WEST 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)  
02/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock <u>(1)</u>            | 02/16/2012                              |                                                             | A                                       | 9,310 A                                                                    | \$ 0 23,343                                                                                                        | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock <u>(2)</u>            | 02/16/2012                              |                                                             | F                                       | 2,557 D                                                                    | \$ 31.2 20,786                                                                                                     | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock <u>(3)</u>            | 02/16/2012                              |                                                             | F                                       | 630 D                                                                      | \$ 31.2 20,156                                                                                                     | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock <u>(4)</u>            | 02/16/2012                              |                                                             | A                                       | 1,580 A                                                                    | \$ 0 21,736                                                                                                        | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 2,912                                                                                                              | I                                                                    | 401(k)                                                            |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Report<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                   |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Temple Thomas J.  
601 WEST FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1600  
SPOKANE, WA 99201

Vice  
President

## Signatures

/s/ Lorrie D. Scottl,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/21/2012

\*\*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) Represents shares of common stock issued in settlement of 2009-2011 Performance Share Grant.

(2) Represents shares of common stock surrendered to satisfy tax liability due at settlement of 2009-2011 Performance Share Grant

(3) Represents shares surrendered to satisfy tax liability due a settlement of Restricted Stock Unit award.

(4) Represents award of restricted stock units (RSU'S) that may be settled only for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. The RSUs will vest on December 31, 2014, subject to continued employment through such date. During the vesting period, an amount equal to the dividends that would have been paid on the RSUs had they been in the form of common stock will be converted into additional RSUs. The additional RSUs will also vest on December 31, 2014.

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