

Temple Thomas J.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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
 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 <u>(1)</u> | 02/16/2012 | | A | | 9,310 A \$ 0 | 23,343 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(2)</u> | 02/16/2012 | | F | | 2,557 D \$ 31.2 | 20,786 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(3)</u> | 02/16/2012 | | F | | 630 D \$ 31.2 | 20,156 | D |
| Common Stock <u>(4)</u> | 02/16/2012 | | A | | 1,580 A \$ 0 | 21,736 | D |
| Common 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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of 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.

Represents award of restricted stock units (RSUs) 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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