

POTLATCH CORP  
Form S-8  
December 20, 2005

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Registration No. 333-

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER THE*  
*SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**POTLATCH CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**82-0156045**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**601 West Riverside Avenue, Suite 1100**

**Spokane, WA 99201**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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**Potlatch Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

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**Ralph M. Davisson, Esq.**

**Vice President and General Counsel**

**Potlatch Corporation**

**601 West Riverside Avenue, Suite 1100**

**Spokane, WA 99201**

**(509) 835-1500**

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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**San Francisco, CA 94120**

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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<b>Title of securities to be registered</b>	<b>Amount to be registered</b>	<b>Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)</b>	<b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price</b>	<b>Amount of registration fee</b>
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share: To be issued under the Potlatch Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan	1,600,000 shares (1)	\$47.11	\$75,376,000	\$8,066

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- (1) This Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's Common Stock that become issuable under the Potlatch Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan described herein by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the Registrant's receipt of consideration that results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding shares of Common Stock.
  - (2) Estimated pursuant to Rules 457(h) and 457(c) of the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based on the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 15, 2005.
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**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

**Item 1. Plan Information.\***

**Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.\***

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\* Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following additional documents filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004;
- (b) The Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005;
- (c) The Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on each of February 28, 2005, May 4, 2005, November 7, 2005, December 6, 2005 and December 9, 2005; and
- (d) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, including any subsequent amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such information.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents until a post-effective amendment of this Registration Statement is filed which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold.

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Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

### **Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

The legality of the securities offered hereby will be passed on for the Registrant by Ralph M. Davisson, Esq. Mr. Davisson is Vice President and General Counsel of the Registrant and at December 15, 2005 owned 22,236 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, of which 15,428 shares may be acquired within 60 days of December 15, 2005 pursuant to the exercise of options.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides for the indemnification of officers, directors, and other corporate agents in terms sufficiently broad to indemnify such persons under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act. Article Seventh of the Registrant's Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides for indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. The Registrant also maintains insurance policies that insure its officers and directors against certain liabilities. The Registrant has also entered into agreements with its directors and certain of its officers that will require the Registrant, among other things, to indemnify them against certain liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as directors or officers to the fullest extent not prohibited by law.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

Exhibit Number	Description
(5)	Opinion of Ralph M. Davisson, Esq., Vice President and General Counsel of the Registrant regarding the legality of the securities being registered.
(23)(a)	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
(23)(b)	Consent of Ralph M. Davisson, Esq. (included in Exhibit (5)).
(24)	Power of Attorney.
(99)(a)*	Potlatch Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan.

\* Incorporated by reference to Appendix E filed with Registrant's definitive proxy statement filed on Form DEF 14A on March 30, 2005.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

A. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes: (1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act, (ii) to reflect in the

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prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement, and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material

change to such information in this Registration Statement; provided, however, that clauses (1)(i) and (1)(ii) shall not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement; (2) that for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and (3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Spokane, State of Washington on December 20, 2005.

POTLATCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ L. Pendleton Siegel

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**L. Pendleton Siegel,  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ L. Pendleton Siegel	Director and Chairman of the	December 20, 2005
<hr/> <b>L. Pendleton Siegel</b>	Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Gerald L. Zuehlke	Vice President, Finance and Chief	December 20, 2005
<hr/> <b>Gerald L. Zuehlke</b>	Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	
/s/ Terry L. Carter	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	December 20, 2005
<hr/> <b>Terry L. Carter</b>		
*	Director	December 20, 2005
<hr/> <b>Boh A. Dickey</b>		
*	Director	December 20, 2005
<hr/> <b>William L. Driscoll</b>		
*	Director	December 20, 2005
<hr/> <b>Ruth Ann M. Gillis</b>		

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*	Director	December 20, 2005
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<b>Jerome C. Knoll</b>		
*	Director	December 20, 2005
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<b>Lawrence S. Peiros</b>		
*	Director	December 20, 2005
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<b>Gregory L. Quesnel</b>		
*	Director	December 20, 2005
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<b>Michael T. Riordan</b>		

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Director

December 20, 2005

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**Judith M. Runstad**

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Director

December 20, 2005

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**Dr. William T. Weyerhaeuser**

\*By:           /s/ Malcolm A. Ryerse

**Malcolm A. Ryerse**  
**(Attorney-in-fact)**

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