POTLATCH CORP Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DeVleming Robert P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

POTLATCH CORP [PCH]

(Middle) (Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/02/2004

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

below)

601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE,

SUITE 1100

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Vice President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

SPOKANE, WA 99201

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (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	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.75	12/02/2004		A		3,600		<u>(1)</u>	12/02/2014	Common Stock	3,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DeVleming Robert P 601 W. RIVERSIDE AVENUE, SUITE 1100 SPOKANE, WA 99201

Vice President

Signatures

Malcolm A. Ryerse,

Attorney-in-fact 12/03/2004

**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 option becomes exercisable in two equal annual installments on December 2, 2005 and 2006.
- (2) The option has no purchase or sale price, therefore Column 8 has been left blank.

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