## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: August 7, 2003

(Date of earliest event reported)

# POTLATCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-5313 (Commission 82-0156045 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification Number**)

601 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 1100, Spokane WA, (Address of principal executive offices)

99201 (Zip Code)

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### 509-835-1500

(Registrant s telephone number,

including area code)

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#### Item 5.

Today the company disclosed that Richard L. Paulson, its President and Chief Operating Officer, has advised the company that he plans to retire by the end of the year. Paulson has been with the company for 42 years. Due to the recent downsizing of the company s operations, the company has no current plans to fill the position after Paulson s retirement.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of	of 1934, the Registrant has duly	y caused this report to be signed	on its behalf by the
undersigned hereunto duly authorized.			

Dated: August 7, 2003

POTLATCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ Malcolm A. Ryerse

Malcolm A. Ryerse Corporate Secretary