

RAYONIER INC
Form 8-K
December 17, 2008

**UNITED STATES
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 (Date of earliest event reported): 12/11/2008

RAYONIER INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 1-6780

North Carolina
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

13-2607329
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

50 North Laura Street
Jacksonville, Florida
32202

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

904-357-9100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

2009 Class Performance Share Award Program

On December 11, 2008, the Compensation and Management Development Committee approved the Rayonier 2009 Class Performance Share Award Program (the "2009 Performance Share Program") under the Rayonier Incentive Stock Plan. The 2009 Performance Share Program provides for the payment of Rayonier shares ranging between 0% and 175% of target awards based on Rayonier's Total Shareholder Return performance against an identified peer group over a three year period. The foregoing description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2009 Performance Share Program, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 10.1 2009 Rayonier Performance Share Award Program.

Signature(s)

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

RAYONIER INC.

Date: December 17, 2008

By: /s/ Hans E. Vanden Noort

Hans E. Vanden Noort
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| EX-10.1 | 2009 Rayonier Performance Share Award Program |