

RAYONIER INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2017  
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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)

December 11, 2017

RAYONIER INC.

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-6780

Incorporated in the State of North Carolina

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number 13-2607329

1 Rayonier Way

Yulee, Florida 32097

(Principal Executive Office)

Telephone Number: (904) 357-9100

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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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.

Retirement of John A. Blumberg

On December 11, 2017, John A. Blumberg notified Rayonier Inc. (the “Company”) of his resignation from the Company's Board of Directors (the “Board”), effective as of December 13, 2017. Mr. Blumberg's decision to resign was not due to any disagreements with the Company on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices.

Election of Keith E. Bass

On December 13, 2017, the Board elected Keith E. Bass to the Board, effective immediately. The Board also appointed Mr. Bass to serve on the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board. Mr. Bass will be paid in accordance with the Company’s director compensation program, described in the section titled “Director Compensation” that begins on page 8 of the Company’s proxy statement that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2017.

In connection with his election to the Board, Mr. Bass will also enter into the Company’s form indemnification agreement for its officers and directors, which generally requires the Company to indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On December 15, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Blumberg's retirement and Mr. Bass's election, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release dated December 15, 2017.

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SIGNATURE

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. (Registrant)

BY: /s/ MARK R. BRIDWELL

Mark R. Bridwell

Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

December 15, 2017