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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)

May 19, 2011

RAYONIER INC.

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-6780

Incorporated in the State of North Carolina

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

1301 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207

(Principal Executive Office)

Telephone Number: (904) 357-9100

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Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

Item 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Certain Officers

Director Retirements

Effective May 19, 2011, Senator Paul G. Kirk, Jr. and Carl S. Sloane retired from the Board of Directors as a result of reaching the mandatory retirement age specified in the Company's Corporate Governance Principles.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 20, 2011, Rayonier Inc. issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved a capital project to convert a fluff pulp fiber line at its Jesup, Ga., mill to produce high purity cellulose specialties pulps, subject to receiving the required regulatory permits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

A copy of the Company's press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

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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/ HANS E. VANDEN NOORT

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

May 20, 2011

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. **DESCRIPTION LOCATION**

Press release entitled "Rayonier Announces Second Quarter 2011 Dividend, Furnished herewith 99.1 Approves Cellulose Specialties Expansion" issued May 20, 2011.

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