

Potts Willis J  
 Form 5  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Potts Willis J**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**2614 HORSELEG CREEK RD SW**  
 (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Wells Timberland REIT, Inc. [N/A]**  
  
 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2011**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

**ROME, GA 30465-8583**

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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                                      |  |                                |   |  |  |                                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock   |                                      |  |                                | (A) Amount (D) Price  | 8,019.13 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------|---|------------------------|------------------------|----|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Security<br>(Instr. 5) | D     |  |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------------|-------|--|
|                        |   |                         |                    | (A)   | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable                          | Expiration<br>Date     | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Potts Willis J<br>2614 HORSELEG CREEK RD SW<br>ROME, GA 30465-8583 | X             | X         | X       | X     |

## Signatures

Douglas P. Williams,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/10/2012

\*\*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) Includes 36,832 shares acquired on 9/15/2011 and 39,896 shares acquired on 12/15/2011 pursuant to stock dividends.

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