

MISSION WEST PROPERTIES INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 HELZEL LAWRENCE B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MISSION WEST PROPERTIES INC [MSW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P O BOX 6692
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/19/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

KETCHUM, ID 83340
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of S |
|---|------------------|------------|--|------|---|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.14 | 11/19/2008 | | A | | 45,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 12/31/2014 | Common Stock | 45, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HELZEL LAWRENCE B P O BOX 6692 KETCHUM, ID 83340 | | X | | |

Signatures

Lawrence Helzel 11/21/2008

 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) Options to purchase 11,250 shares of common stock vested on November 20, 2008. For the remainder balance, options to purchase 937.50 shares of common stock vest monthly from 12/1/08 to 11/30/11.

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