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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)**

**October 28, 2004**

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**RAYONIER INC.**

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**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-6780**

**Incorporated in the State of North Carolina**

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

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(Principal Executive Office)

**Telephone Number: (904) 357-9100**

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The following information is being furnished pursuant to Section 2 Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition .

On October 28, 2004, a press release was issued announcing third quarter 2004 consolidated earnings for Rayonier. A copy of Rayonier's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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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

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Hans E. Vanden Noort  
Vice President and  
Corporate Controller

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| <b><u>EXHIBIT NO.</u></b> | <b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>   | <b><u>LOCATION</u></b> |
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| 99.1                      | Rayonier Reports Third Quarter 2004 Results, dated October 28, 2004 | Furnished herewith     |