

Wells Timberland REIT, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 13, 2010

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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): 05/13/2010**

**Wells Timberland REIT, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 000-53193**

**MD**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**203536671**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6200 The Corners Parkway**  
Norcross, GA 30092-3365  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**770-449-7800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events**

REIT Election

On May 13, 2010, Wells Timberland REIT, Inc. (the "Registrant") elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, beginning with its taxable year ended December 31, 2009. To continue to qualify as a REIT, the Registrant must meet certain organizational and operational requirements.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

Wells Timberland REIT, Inc.

Date: May 13, 2010

By: /s/ Randall D. Fretz

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Randall D. Fretz  
Senior Vice President