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September 23, 2015

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): September 21, 2015

Washington Federal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington 001-34654 91-1661606 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930

Not Applicable

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

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- 240.13e-4(c))

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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

On September 21, 2015, Washington Federal, Inc (NASDAQ: WAFD) (the "Company") announced that the Company's Chief Financial Officer Diane Kelleher has tendered her resignation to pursue other opportunities. Ms. Kelleher intends to remain with the Company through December 31, 2015 to assist in year-end financial activities. Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer Brent Beardall, who previously served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer from October 2003 to March 2014, will add the position of Interim Chief Financial Officer while the Company searches for Ms. Kelleher's replacement.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 21, 2015 WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRENT J. BEARDALL

Brent J. Beardall

Executive Vice President

and Interim Chief Financial Officer

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