

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

Form 8-K

March 18, 2008

**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): March 15, 2008

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12534

(Commission File Number)

72-1133047

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**363 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 2020
Houston, Texas 77060**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 847-6000

Not Applicable

(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:

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective March 15, 2008, W. Mark Blumenshine, Newfield's Vice President Land, was granted 3,000 shares of restricted stock pursuant to Newfield's 2004 omnibus stock plan, as amended. The shares vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2010. The award is governed by a restricted stock agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

10.1 Restricted Stock Agreement dated as of March 15, 2008 by and between Newfield and W. Mark Blumenshine

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION
COMPANY**

Date: March 18, 2008

By: /s/ Brian L. Rickmers
Brian L. Rickmers
Controller