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) July 31, 2012

Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 91-1313292 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

<u>19245 Tenth Avenue NE, Poulsbo, Washington</u> <u>98370</u> (Address of principal executive offices) (ZIP Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (360) 697-6626

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 (SEE General Instruction A.2. below):

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- £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 31, 2012 the registrant issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, Olympic Resource Management LLC (ORMLLC), has closed ORM Timber Fund III, a private equity timber fund with \$180 million of committed capital, \$9 million of which will be co-invested by Pope Resources. ORMLLC is actively looking for timberland properties to acquire on behalf of the fund, which will invest in commercial timberlands in the Pacific Northwest region of the U.S.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release of the registrant dated July 31, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 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.

POPE RESOURCES, A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

DATE: July 31, 2012 BY: /s/ Thomas M. Ringo

Thomas M. Ringo

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership, and Pope MGP, Inc., General Partner

Pope Resources Closes \$180 Million Timber Fund

POULSBO, Wash., July 31, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Pope Resources (NASDAQ:POPE) announced today that its subsidiary, Olympic Resource Management LLC (ORMLLC), has closed ORM Timber Fund III, a private equity timber fund with \$180 million of committed capital, \$9 million of which will be co-invested by Pope Resources. ORMLLC is actively looking for timberland properties to acquire on behalf of the fund, which will invest in commercial timberlands in the Pacific Northwest region of the U.S.

"In 2005 with the advent of our first timber fund, we began executing on this strategy of matching our own capital with that of third-parties interested in investing alongside an experienced Pacific Northwest timberland owner," said David L. Nunes, President and CEO. "We now have \$171 million of timberland assets under management in our first two funds and the closing of this third fund represents yet another significant step forward in the execution of our private equity timber fund strategy. Through our coinvestment we have been able to spread our capital over a larger timberland portfolio than we could acquire on our own which has led to increasing economies of scale and serves to reduce the cost of managing the Partnership's existing tree farms while simultaneously generating fees from management of fund assets."

About Pope Resources

Pope Resources, a publicly traded limited partnership and its subsidiaries Olympic Resource Management and Olympic Property Group, own or manage 178,000 acres of timberland and development property in Washington and Oregon. We also manage, coinvest in, and consolidate three timberland investment funds that we manage for a fee. In addition, we offer our forestry consulting and timberland investment management services to third-party owners and managers of timberland in the U.S. Pacific Northwest. The company and its predecessor companies have owned and managed timberlands and development properties for more than 150 years. Additional information on the company can be found at www.poperesources.com. The contents of our website are not incorporated into this release or into our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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