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

On December 29, 2017, CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) notified John F. Rasor, the Company’s Chief Operating Officer, corporate Secretary, and a member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”), that his employment agreement with the Company, dated October 30, 2013, would not be renewed and would be allowed to expire by its terms on December 31, 2017. Mr. Rasor will remain Chief Operating Officer and corporate Secretary notwithstanding the expiration of his employment agreement. Also on December 29th, Mr. Rasor notified the Company of his resignation from the Board and from all committees of the Board upon which he serves, effective December 31, 2017. Mr. Rasor’s resignation from the Board is not due to any disagreement with the Company. Mr. Rasor has served as a director since December 17, 2013 and the Company is grateful for his leadership and commitment to the success of the Company during his tenure as a director.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC.

Date: January 5, 2018 By: /s/ BRIAN M. DAVIS

Brian M. Davis

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer