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FORM S-4 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GLACIER BANCORP, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

e or other jurisdiction (Primary standard (I.R.S. employer of incorporation industrial classification identification no.) (State or other jurisdiction or organization)

code number)

81-0519541

49 COMMONS LOOP, KALISPELL, MONTANA 59901 (406) 756-4200 (Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES TO THE PUBLIC: The date of mailing of the enclosed Prospectus/Proxy Statement to stockholders of Mountain West Bank

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. []

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Proposed Maximum Proposed Maximum Amount of Class of Securities Amount Being Offering Price Aggregate Registration Being Registered (1) Per Share(2)(3) Offering Price(3) Fee(3)

Common Stock.

\$.01 Par Value 979,980 \$7.805 \$7,648,822

- (1) Represents the estimated maximum number of shares of Glacier Bancorp, Inc.'s common stock, \$.01 par value, issuable in exchange for the 830,491 shares of Mountain West Bank common stock, \$2.50 par value that are outstanding or issuable pursuant to stock options, under the terms of the Plan and Agreement and Plan of Merger described in this Registration Statement.
- (2) Represents the maximum price per share of Glacier common stock issuable in exchange for Mountain West Bank common stock (based upon the exchange ratio).
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(f)(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of the per-share book value (\$9.21) of the Mountain West Bank common stock as of September 30, 1999.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT WILL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT WILL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8 (A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, OR UNTIL THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 (A), MAY DETERMINE.

PROXY STATEMENT
OF MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

PROSPECTUS OF GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

MERGER PROPOSED - YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT

Dear Mountain West Bank Stockholders:

The boards of directors of Mountain West Bank and Glacier Bancorp, Inc. have agreed on a merger of Mountain West Bank and a to-be-formed bank subsidiary of Glacier. When the merger occurs, Glacier will own Mountain West Bank.

In the merger, Mountain West Bank stockholders will receive shares of Glacier common stock in exchange for their shares of Mountain West Bank common stock. If the merger is completed, Mountain West Bank stockholders will receive 1.18 shares of Glacier common stock for each share of Mountain West Bank common stock that they own. The last reported sales price for Glacier common stock on December ____, 1999 was \$______. We expect the merger to be A TAX-FREE TRANSACTION FOR MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCKHOLDERS, except for the receipt by Mountain West Bank stockholders of cash instead of fractional shares of Glacier common stock, and cash received by any dissenting stockholder. After completion of the merger, Mountain West Bank stockholders will own approximately ___% of Glacier's outstanding common stock.

Your board of directors believes that the terms of the merger are fair and in the best interest of Mountain West Bank and its stockholders. In reaching this decision, the board considered numerous factors including the fact that the shares of Glacier are listed on NASDAQ and that Glacier has agreed to provide Mountain West Bank sufficient capital for its planned expansion activities. Glacier also intends to allow Mountain West Bank to operate as a separately chartered state bank. Mountain West Bank will not change its name or composition of its management or board. This arrangement will allow the Mountain West Bank to continue to deliver high quality banking services to its customers which are a result of timely, local decision making. Other factors considered by the board are discussed in the attached Prospectus/Proxy Statement.

THE MERGER CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNLESS YOU APPROVE IT. We will hold a special stockholders' meeting to vote on the merger proposal. Whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting, please take the time to vote by completing and mailing the enclosed form of proxy. THE MOUNTAIN WEST BANK SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY ____, 2000, AT _____ ___.M. LOCAL TIME, AT ______.

On behalf of the Mountain West Bank board of directors, I recommend that you vote FOR approval of the merger.

Jon W. Hippler President and Chief Executive Officer

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED THE SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED BY GLACIER OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. THE SHARES OF GLACIER COMMON STOCK TO BE ISSUED IN THE MERGER ARE NOT SAVINGS OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE BANK INSURANCE FUND OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

This proxy statement/prospectus is dated December __, 1999, and is first being mailed to Mountain West Bank stockholders on December __, 1999.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK P.O. BOX 1059 125 IRONWOOD DRIVE COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO 83816

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD JANUARY ____, 2000

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF MOUNTAIN WEST BANK:

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- 1. MERGER AGREEMENT. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Plan and Agreement of Merger, dated as of September 9, 1999, between Mountain West Bank, Glacier Bancorp, Inc. and New Mountain West Bank, a subsidiary of Glacier to be formed, under the terms of which Mountain West Bank will merge with New Mountain West Bank, as more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. The merger agreement is attached as Appendix A to the proxy statement/prospectus which accompanies this notice.
- OTHER MATTERS. To act upon any other matters as may properly come before the special meeting, or any postponement or adjournment of it.

Only holders of record of Mountain West Bank common stock, at 5:00 p.m.
on, 1999 the record date for the special meeting, are entitled to
notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting or any adjournments or
postponements of it. The affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds or more
of the outstanding shares of Mountain West Bank common stock is required for
approval of the merger agreement. As of, 1999, there were
shares of Mountain West Bank common stock outstanding.

Mountain West Bank stockholders desiring to do so may dissent from the merger and obtain payment for their shares in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Code, Section 26.909, a copy of which is included in the proxy statement/prospectus. See "THE MERGER - Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal" and Appendix B.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the special meeting personally. Whether or not you are able to do so, it is important that you complete, sign, date, and promptly return the accompanying proxy in the enclosed postage-paid envelope in order to vote your shares of Mountain West Bank common stock. Stockholders may revoke proxies previously submitted by completing a later-dated proxy, by written revocation delivered to Mountain West Bank's Secretary at or before the special meeting, or by appearing and voting at the special meeting in person. Attendance at the special meeting will not of itself revoke a previously submitted proxy.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Kim Jacklin, Secretary

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho December ___, 1999

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU OWN, AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING. APPROVAL OF THE MERGER REQUIRES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF HOLDERS OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES OF MOUNTAIN WEST BANK COMMON STOCK. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUISITE VOTES ARE OBTAINED AND A QUORUM IS ATTAINED, WE URGE YOU TO SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY FORM.

REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS INCORPORATES IMPORTANT BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT GLACIER FROM DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN OR DELIVERED WITH THIS DOCUMENT. YOU CAN OBTAIN DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS BY REQUESTING THEM IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE FROM GLACIER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

GLACIER BANCORP, INC. 49 Commons Loop Kalispell, Montana 59901

ATTN: James H. Strosahl, Corporate Secretary Telephone: (406) 756-4263

You will not be charged for these documents that you request. If you would like to request documents, please do so by $_$ _____, 1999 in order to receive them before the Mountain West Bank special stockholders' meeting.

See "WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION" and "INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE."

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SUMMARY

This Summary highlights selected information from this document and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To understand the merger fully and for a more complete description of the legal terms of the merger, you should read carefully this entire document and the documents we have referred you to. See "WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION."

THE MERGER

We propose a merger in which Mountain West Bank will merge with a newly-formed subsidiary of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. Following the merger, Mountain West Bank will be owned by Glacier. We expect to complete the merger by as early as January, 2000. See "THE MERGER - Basic Terms of the Merger."

WE HAVE ATTACHED THE MERGER AGREEMENT TO THIS DOCUMENT AS APPENDIX A. PLEASE READ THE MERGER AGREEMENT. IT IS THE DOCUMENT THAT GOVERNS THE MERGER.

YOU WILL RECEIVE SHARES OF GLACIER STOCK IN THE MERGER

You will receive shares of Glacier common stock in the merger, and you will become a Glacier stockholder unless you dissent from the merger. If the merger is completed, you will receive 1.18 shares of Glacier common stock for each share of Mountain West Bank common stock that you own. Cash will be paid for fractional shares. See "THE MERGER - Basic Terms of the Merger."

THE MERGER WILL BE GENERALLY TAX-FREE TO YOU

The merger generally will be tax-free to you for federal income tax purposes, except for the receipt of cash instead of fractional shares of Glacier common stock and cash received by any dissenting Mountain West Bank stockholder. A summary of the material federal tax consequences of the merger is set forth at "THE MERGER - Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger."

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK HAS OBTAINED A FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S OPINION

Columbia Financial Advisors, Inc. has rendered an opinion dated _____, 1999 to the Mountain West Bank board of directors that, as of such date, the consideration to be received by Mountain West Bank stockholders is fair, from a financial point of view. A copy of the opinion delivered by CFAI is attached to this document as APPENDIX C and a description of its analysis is contained in this document. For a more detailed description of the fairness opinion, see BACKGROUND OF AND REASONS FOR "THE MERGER - Opinion of Mountain West Bank Financial Advisor."

THE MOUNTAIN WEST BANK SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

We have scheduled a special shareholders meeting, in order to consider and vote on the merger. The meeting will be held on January ____, 2000 at _____, m. local time, at _____ . The merger must be approved by the owners of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Mountain West Bank common stock outstanding on ______, 1999, which is the record date for the Mountain West Bank special meeting. See "MOUNTAIN WEST BANK SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING."

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE THE MERGER

The Mountain West Bank board of directors believes that the merger is fair to you and in your best interests, and unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the proposal to approve the merger.

WHY THE PARTIES ARE PROPOSING THE MERGER

Glacier and Mountain West Bank believe that the merger will benefit both companies, and will allow Mountain West Bank to better serve its customers. Because of Glacier's financial and technology resources, Mountain West Bank will be able to offer additional products and services, while maintaining continuity of services to its current customers. Glacier common stock is actively traded on the NASDAQ National Market, and Mountain West Bank stockholders may expect to benefit from the increased liquidity in owning Glacier common stock. For a more complete discussion of the reasons that the boards of directors of Glacier and Mountain West Bank approved the merger, see "BACKGROUND OF AND REASONS FOR THE MERGER."

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS AFTER THE MERGER

After the merger, the executive officers of Mountain West Bank will remain unchanged. The Mountain West Bank board of directors will also remain unchanged, except that Michael Blodnick, President and CEO of Glacier, will join the board. See "THE MERGER - Mountain West Bank Management and Operations After the Merger."

Mountain West Bank will be a subsidiary of Glacier after the merger, but it will operate independently. The merger agreement provides that, unless there is a change in control of Glacier, Mountain West Bank will retain the name "Mountain West Bank" for at least three years following the merger. The merger agreement also provides that, assuming that Glacier remains "well capitalized" under applicable banking regulations, Glacier will, within two years of the closing of the merger and at Mountain West Bank's request, provide sufficient capital for Mountain West Bank to expand by two branches and to construct a permanent branch building in Boise, Idaho.

YOU CAN DISSENT FROM THE MERGER

You are entitled to dissent from the merger if you follow certain procedures and if the merger occurs. If you properly dissent, you will have the right to obtain payment of the fair value of your Mountain West Bank common stock in cash, as provided by Idaho law.

If you fail to follow exactly the procedures specified under the applicable Idaho law, you will lose your right to dissent. If you wish to dissent, you should carefully read "THE MERGER - Dissenter's Rights of Appraisal" and the copy of the applicable Idaho statute, which is attached to this document as APPENDIX B.

THE PARTIES TO THE MERGER

GLACIER. Glacier is a Delaware corporation and a registered bank holding company. Glacier's principal business is conducted through six Montana - chartered bank subsidiaries:

- o Glacier Bank
- o Glacier Bank of Whitefish
- o Glacier Bank of Eureka
- o First Security Bank of Missoula
- o Valley Bank of Helena
- o Big Sky Western Bank

At September 30, 1999, Glacier's bank subsidiaries had facilities in 16 communities in Montana, operating 20 full service banking offices. At September 30, 1999, Glacier had consolidated deposits of approximately \$503 million and consolidated assets of approximately \$835 million. Glacier is headquartered in Kalispell, Montana, and its executive offices are at 49 Commons Loop, Kalispell, Montana 59901. Its telephone number is (406) 756-4200.

Glacier was incorporated on March 24, 1998, and is the successor corporation of another company (also named "Glacier Bancorp, Inc.") that was formed in 1990. Glacier merged with the prior corporation in July, 1998. Additional information concerning Glacier and its business is included in the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. See "INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" and "WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION."

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK. Mountain West Bank was originally formed as a federal savings bank having received its federal charter in September of 1993. Mountain West Bank converted to an Idaho state bank on June 30, 1999. Mountain West Bank is a member of the FDIC. Mountain West Bank engages in a general commercial banking business in Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, Post Falls and Boise, Idaho. At September 30, 1999, Mountain West Bank had deposits of approximately \$74 million and assets of approximately \$83 million.

The headquarters for Mountain West Bank is located at 125 Ironwood Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814, and its telephone number is (208) 765-0284. For additional information about Mountain West Bank and its business, see "INFORMATION CONCERNING MOUNTAIN WEST BANK."

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK HAS GRANTED GLACIER AN OPTION

To induce Glacier to enter into the merger agreement, Mountain West Bank granted Glacier an option to purchase authorized but unissued shares of Mountain West Bank. Glacier may exercise this option on the occurrence of certain events. If Glacier was to exercise this option, it would acquire a number of shares equal to 19.9% of the outstanding shares, including shares reserved for issuance pursuant to unexercised stock options, of Mountain West Bank common stock, at \$21.00 per share. See "THE MERGER - Mountain West Bank Stock Option Agreement."

THERE ARE CONDITIONS TO THE CLOSING OF THE MERGER

To complete the merger, Glacier and Mountain West Bank must satisfy a number of conditions in addition to approval by Mountain West Bank stockholders. These conditions include:

- o $\,$ the merger must not be prohibited by law or injunction;
- o Glacier and Mountain West Bank must receive all necessary approvals of governmental authorities; and
- o Mountain West Bank must receive an updated opinion from CFAI that as of the effective date of the merger, the consideration to be received by the Mountain West Bank stockholders is fair from a financial point of view.

The merger agreement allows Glacier or Mountain West Bank to waive some of the conditions to closing. For a more complete discussion of the conditions to the completion of the merger, see "THE MERGER - Conditions to the Merger; Regulatory Approvals."

THE MERGER AGREEMENT CAN BE AMENDED OR TERMINATED

The merger agreement may be amended at any time prior to the closing if both the Glacier and Mountain West Bank boards of directors approve. Additionally, Glacier may change the method by which it acquires Mountain West Bank. However, no such change may change the amount or kind of consideration that Mountain West Bank stockholders will receive, or change the tax treatment of the merger to Mountain West Bank stockholders.

The merger agreement may be terminated and the merger abandoned at any time, even after approval by Mountain West Bank's stockholders, if both the Glacier and Mountain West Bank boards of directors agree to do so. Also, in certain circumstances either Glacier's or Mountain West Bank's board of directors may terminate the merger agreement, without the other board's consent. For a description of the various circumstances under which the merger agreement may be terminated, see "THE MERGER - Amendment or Termination of the Merger

SOME OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS HAVE INTERESTS IN THE MERGER THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM OR IN ADDITION TO THEIR INTEREST AS STOCKHOLDERS

Certain members of Mountain West Bank's management have interests in the merger that are different from, or in addition to, their interests as Mountain West Bank stockholders. These interests exist because of employment agreements that they have entered into with Mountain West Bank, and because of indemnification provisions in the merger agreement. See "THE MERGER - Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger."

SHARE INFORMATION AND MARKET PRICES

Glacier's common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "GBCI." Mountain West Bank common stock is not listed or quoted on any exchange or market system. See "STOCK PRICE AND DIVIDEND INFORMATION."

The following table sets forth the last reported sale price per share of Glacier common stock, as reported on Nasdaq, and of Mountain West Bank common stock, in addition to the equivalent per share price for Mountain West Bank common stock, on September 9, 1999, (the last full trading day prior to the public announcement of the execution of the merger agreement) and on _______, 1999, the most recent date for which it was practicable to obtain market price data prior to the printing of this proxy statement/prospectus. Holders of Mountain West Bank common stock are urged to obtain current market quotations for shares of Glacier common stock.

PRICE PER SHARE:	September 9, 1999	, 1999		
Glacier Common Stock	\$18.625	\$		
Mountain West Bank Common Stock(1)	\$21.00	\$		
Mountain West Bank Equivalent Pro Forma(2)	\$21.977	\$ 		

- (2) Giving effect for the merger and computed by multiplying the closing price per share of Glacier common stock by an exchange ratio of 1.18.

EQUIVALENT PER COMMON SHARE DATA

The following table shows certain per common share data of Glacier and Mountain West Bank common stock on a historical basis and on a pro forma basis giving effect to the merger using the pooling of interests method of accounting. For a description of the pooling-of-interests method of accounting with respect to the merger see "THE MERGER - Accounting Treatment of the Merger." The pro forma combined financial data are not necessarily indicative of actual or future operating results or the financial position that would have occurred had the merger become effective prior to the period indicated or that will occur upon completion of the merger. You should read this data in conjunction with the financial statements and other financial data included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus or incorporated by reference. See "THE MERGER - Basic Terms of the Merger."

	Gla	cier Pro Forma	Mountain West Bank			
		Combined		Pro Forma		
	Historical	Corporation	Historical			
Book value per share(1)						
September 30, 1999	\$8.25	\$8.21	\$9.12	\$9.69		
December 31, 1998	\$8.22	\$8.17	\$8.94	\$9.64		
December 31, 1997	\$7.38	\$7.27	\$6.88	\$8.58		
December 31, 1996	\$6.52	\$6.44	\$6.27	\$7.60		
Basic earnings per share(2)						
9 months ended September 30, 1999	\$0.95	\$0.90	\$0.37	\$1.07		
12 months ended December 31, 1998	\$1.17	\$1.14	\$0.77	\$1.35		
12 months ended December 31, 1997	\$1.13	\$1.09	\$0.57	\$1.29		
12 months ended December 31, 1996	\$0.94	\$0.91	\$0.67	\$1.08		
Diluted earnings per share(3)						
9 months ended September 30, 1999	\$0.94	\$0.89	\$0.35	\$1.05		
12 months ended December 31, 1998	\$1.15	\$1.11	\$0.74	\$1.31		
12 months ended December 31, 1997	\$1.11	\$1.07	\$0.56	\$1.27		
12 months ended December 31, 1996	\$0.92	\$0.90	\$0.66	\$1.07		
Cash dividends declared per share						
9 months ended September 30, 1999	\$0.44	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.48		
12 months ended December 31, 1998	\$0.52	\$0.46	\$0.00	\$0.55		
12 months ended December 31, 1997	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.48		
12 months ended December 31, 1996	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.00	\$0.38		

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- (1) Book value per share is calculated by dividing the total actual historical and pro forma equity as of the date indicated by the actual historical and pro forma number of shares outstanding as of the same date.
- (2) Earnings per share is calculated by dividing total actual historical and pro forma net income for the periods ended by the actual historical and pro forma weighted average number of shares of common stock for the period indicated.
- (3) Diluted earnings per share includes the net increase in shares if outstanding in-the-money stock options were exercised using the treasury stock method.
- (4) Pro forma equivalent per share data for Mountain West Bank is calculated by multiplying the pro forma combined corporation per share data by the ratio of pro forma Mountain West Bank shares to historical Mountain West Bank shares

SELECTED HISTORICAL AND UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL DATA

The tables on the following pages set forth, for the respective periods, specified, selected historical consolidated financial data for Glacier and Mountain West Bank, and selected unaudited pro forma combined financial data giving effect to the merger on a pooling-of-interests basis. The pro forma combined financial data are presented as though the merger had been consummated at the beginning of the period set forth; however, such data is not necessarily indicative of actual or future operating results or the financial position that would have occurred or will occur upon the consummation of the merger. The data has been derived in part from, and should be read in conjunction with, the consolidated financial statements and notes and other financial information with respect to Glacier and Mountain West Bank set forth elsewhere in this prospectus/joint proxy statement or incorporated by reference, and such data are qualified in their entirety by reference thereto.

All adjustments that the respective managements of Glacier and Mountain West Bank believe to be necessary for a fair presentation of the data have been included. The September 30, 1999 and 1998 ratios have been annualized where necessary. Dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share data.

Glacier has a fiscal year that ends on December 31 of each year. Mountain West Bank's fiscal year ends on March 31 of each year. The following pro forma selected financial information combines the historical financial information of Glacier with the financial information of Mountain West Bank as if Mountain West Bank's fiscal year ended on December 31 of each period presented, except for the table entitled "Historical Fiscal Year Data".

PRO FORMA GLACIER BANCORP, INC. AND MOUNTAIN WEST BANK (UNAUDITED)

The following table presents unaudited information concerning certain financial information and ratios on a pro forma basis giving effect to the proposed merger on a pooling-of-interests accounting basis. The pro forma combined information are presented as if the merger had been consummated at the beginning of each period presented. Any adjustments necessary to prepare this information have been of a normal recurring nature.

The following is qualified in its entirety by reference to more detailed financial information and financial statements presented elsewhere in this prospectus/proxy statement. Dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share data.

		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year ended December 31,						
	1999 	1998 	1998 	1997 	1996 	1995 	1994			
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS										
Interest income	\$ 46,723 19,703	43,731 19,250	58,486 25,415	55,324 24,817	50,294 22,565	44,269 19,210	34,483 13,551			
Net interest income Provision for loan losses	27,020 1,246	24,481 1,236	33,071 1,734	30,507 1,027	27,729 1,023	25,059 643	20,932 410			
Net interest income after										
provision for loan losses	25,774	23,245	31,337	29,480	26,706	24,416	20,522			
Non-interest income	9,670	9,965	13,396	10,972	10,320	9,002	8,238			
Non-interest expense	21,063	19,518	26,591	23,730	22,735	18,817	16,658			
Non interest expense										
Earnings before income taxes	14,381	13,692	18,142	16,722	14,291	14,601	12,102			
Income taxes	5,058	5,118	6,698	6,170	5 , 597	5,688	4,854			
Net earnings	9,323	8,574 ======	11,444	10,552	8,694	8,913	7,248			
PER SHARE DATA (1):										
Basic earnings per common shares	0.90	0.85	1.14	1.09	0.91	0.93	0.76			
Diluted earnings per common share	0.89	0.83	1.11	1.07	0.90	N/A	N/A			
Dividends declared per share	0.40	0.29	0.46	0.40	0.30	0.21	0.18			
Period end book value	8.21	8.08	8.17	7.27	6.44	5.78	4.86			
Average common shares outstanding	10,348,470	10,060,852	10,111,883	9,781,013	9,574,541	9,617,102	9,515,590			
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL CONDITION:	10,540,470	10,000,032	10,111,000	3,701,013	J, J/4, J41	3,017,102	3,313,330			
Total assets	\$ 918,140	775,826	785,135	740,891	679,055	595,547	509,588			
Investment securities	205,060	109,392	117,074	129,371	126,147	112,505	89,360			
Loans receivable, net	619,695	556,480	571,654	528,142	477,498	418,573	371,297			
Total deposits	578,507	533,199	544,110	481,121	433,994	376,357	330,193			
Total borrowed funds	245,482	148,440	153,373	178,408	167,158	149,992	122,033			
Stockholders' equity	85,260	82,583	84,098	71,493	61,680	55,647	46,805			
FINANCIAL RATIOS:	03/200	02,000	01,050	71,133	01,000	33,017	10,000			
Return on:										
Average assets	1.37%	1.49%	1.49%	1.48%	1.36%	1.62%	1.55%			
Beginning stockholders' equity	14.78%	15.99%	16.01%	17.11%	15.62%	19.04%	17.25%			
Equity as a percentage of total										
assets	9.29%	10.64%	10.71%	9.65%	9.08%	9.34%	9.18%			
Dividend payout ratio	44.60%	34.37%	40.15%	37.96%	34.89%	22.92%	23.88%			
Efficiency ratio	57.41%	56.66%	57.23%	57.21%	59.75%	55.25%	57.11%			
Net loans to total assets Net interest margin on average	67.49%	71.73%	72.81%	71.28%	70.32%	70.28%	72.86%			
earning assets (tax equivalent) Nonperforming assets to total	4.67%	4.67%	4.80%	4.74%	4.75%	4.96%	4.88%			
assets	0.29%	0.45%	0.38%	0.23%	0.32%	0.18%	0.22%			
loans	1.04%	0.90%	0.98%	0.87%	0.85%	0.90%	0.92%			
to nonperforming assets	247%	145%	188%	268%	191%	347%	307%			

 $[\]left(1\right)$ revised for stock splits and dividends. Includes shares to be issued to Mountain West Bank.

GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

The following table presents unaudited information concerning certain financial information and ratios for Glacier Bancorp, Inc. Dollars are in thousands, except per share data.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year ended December 31,					
	1999 	1998	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS								
Interest income	42,499	40,301	53 , 678	51,686	47,697	42,358	33 , 557	
Interest expense	18,248	17,881 	23,550	23 , 296	21,426	18,346	13,200	
Net interest income	24,251	22,420	30,128	28,390	26,271	24,012	20,357	
Provision for loan losses	1,090	1,094	1,532	889	949	611	318	
Net interest income after								
provision for loan losses	23,161	21,326	28,596	27,501	25,322	23,401	20,039	
Non-interest income	8,301	9,034	12,002	10,135	9,825	8,860	8,111	
Non-interest expense	17,492	17,337	23,285	21,427	21,158	17,733	15,735	
Earnings before income taxes	13,970	13,023	17,313	16,209	13,989	14,528	12,415	
Income taxes	4,910	4,879	6,398	5,973	5,662	5,688	4,854	
Net earnings	9,060	8,144	10,915	10,236	8,327	8,840	7,561	
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PER SHARE DATA (1):								
Basic earnings per common shares	0.95	0.88	1.17	1.13	0.94	0.98	0.85	
Diluted earnings per common share	0.94	0.86	1.15	1.11	0.92	0.98	N/A	
Dividends declared per share	0.44	0.33	0.52	0.43	0.35	0.31	0.20	
Period end book value	8.25	8.13	8.22	7.38	6.52	5.85	4.88	
Average common shares outstanding SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL CONDITION:	9,512,180	9,260,444	9,304,101	9,130,762	8,924,290	8,966,851	8,865,339	
Total assets	835,256	704,400	706,027	681,433	637,710	566,043	489,403	
Investment securities	188,726	100,187	105,486	122,749	122,866	109,200	86,795	
Loans receivable, net	565,794	507,670	518,208	486,220	447,169	398,084	355,947	
Total deposits	502,781	471,290	475,844	428,446	398,511	350,942	313,643	
Total borrowed funds	245,482	147,440	152,373	175,908	165,358	149,427	121,553	
Stockholders' equity	78,735	76,375	77,810	67,702	58,225	52,503	43,870	
FINANCIAL RATIOS:	,	,	,	,	33,3	,	,	
Return on:								
Average assets	1.53%	1.56%	1.59%	1.55%	1.38%	1.69%	1.67%	
Beginning stockholders' equity Equity as a percentage of total	16.07%	15.18%	16.12%	17.58%	15.86%	20.15%	19.55%	
assets	9.43%	10.84%	11.02%	9.94%	9.13%	9.28%	8.96%	
Dividend payout ratio	46.32%	37.50%	44.44%	38.39%	36.89%	31.48%	22.89%	
Efficiency ratio	53.74%	55.12%	65.01%	55.62%	58.62%	53.95%	55.27%	
Net loans to total assets	67.74%	72.07%	73.40%	71.35%	70.12%	70.33%	72.73%	
Net interest margin on average	07.74%	12.01%			70.12%			
earning assets (tax equivalent)	4.63%	4.64%	4.79%	4.72%	4.76%	4.97%	4.90%	
Nonperforming assets to total assets Allowance for loan losses to total	0.28%	0.47%	0.40%	0.24%	0.34%	0.19%	0.23%	
loans	1.03%	0.91%	0.98%	0.87%	0.86%	0.91%	0.93%	
to nonperforming assets	250%	139%	184%	264%	181%	334%	297%	

⁽¹⁾ revised for stock splits and dividends.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

The following table presents unaudited information concerning certain financial information and ratios for Mountain West Bank. The following is qualified in its entirety by reference to more detailed financial information and financial statements presented elsewhere in this prospectus/proxy statement. Dollars are in thousands, except per share data.

	Nine Mont			Year en	ded Decembe	r 31,	
	Septemb 1999	er 30, 1998	1998	1997 	1996	1995 	1994
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS							
Interest income	\$ 4,224 1,455	3,430 1,369	4,808 1,865	3,638 1,521	2,597 1,139	1,911 864	926 351
Net interest income	2,769	2,061	2,943	2,117	1,458	1,047	575
Provision for loan losses	156	142	202	138	74	32	92
Net interest income after							
provision for loan losses	2,613	1,919	2,741	1,979	1,384	1,015	483
Non-interest income	1,369	931	1,394	837	495	142	127
Non-interest expense	3,571	2,181	3,306	2,303	1,577	1,084	923
Earnings before income taxes	411	669	829	513	302	73	(313)
Income taxes	148	239	300	197	(65)	0	(313)
Net earnings	263 =====	430	529 =====	316	367 ======	73 ======	(313)
PER SHARE DATA (1):							
Basic earnings per common shares	0.37	0.63	0.77	0.57	0.67	0.13	-0.57
Diluted earnings per common share	0.35	0.61	0.74	0.56	0.66	0.13	-0.57
Dividends declared per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Period end book value	9.12	8.83	8.94	6.88	6.27	5.71	5.33
Average common shares outstanding	708,720	678,312	684,561	551,060	551,060	551 , 060	551,060
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL CONDITION:			50.400	50 450		00 504	00 405
Total assets	\$ 82,884	71,426	79,108	59,458	41,345	29,504	20,185
Investment securities	16,334	9,205	11,588	6,622	3,281	3,305	2,565
Loans receivable, net	53,901	48,810	53,446	41,922	30,329	20,489	15,350
Total deposits	75,726	61,909	68,266	52,675	35,483	25,415	16,550
Total borrowed funds	0	1,000	1,000	2,500	1,800	565	500
Stockholders' equity	6 , 525	6,208	6,288	3 , 791	3,455	3,144	2,935
Return on:							
Average assets	0.43%	0.88%	0.76%	0.63%	1.04%	0.29%	-2.10%
Beginning stockholders' equity	5.58%	15.12%	13.95%	9.15%	11.67%	2.49%	-9.34%
Equity as a percentage of total		0			0.000	40.660	44 540
assets	7.87%	8.69%	7.95%	6.38%	8.36%	10.66%	14.54%
Dividend payout ratio	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Efficiency ratio	86.30%	72.89%	76.23%	77.96%	80.75%	91.17%	131.48%
Net loans to total assets	65.03%	68.34%	67.56%	70.51%	73.36%	69.44%	76.05%
Net interest margin on average	E 070	F 000	4 000	F 040	4 7 40	4 700	4 200
earning assets (tax equivalent)	5.07%	5.00%	4.93%	5.04%	4.74%	4.70%	4.30%
Nonperforming assets to total assets	0.33%	0.23%	0.26%	0.18%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Allowance for loan losses to total	0.338	∪.∠3₹	∪.∠৩३	0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
loan	1.12%	0.90%	0.94%	0.83%	0.69%	0.66%	0.67%
Allowance for loan losses	2222	2652	0.4.40	2040	37 /34	37 /24	NT /2.
to nonperforming assets	223%	265%	244%	324%	N/M	N/M	N/M

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MOUNTAIN WEST BANK - HISTORICAL YEAR FISCAL DATA

The following table presents unaudited information concerning certain financial information and ratios for Mountain West Bank. The information is qualified in its entirety by reference to more detailed financial information and financial statements presented elsewhere in this Prospectus/Proxy Statement. Dollar amounts are in thousands, except per share data.

	Six Months Ended		Year ended March 31,					
	Septemb 1999	1998	1999	1998	1997	1996 	1995	
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS								
Interest income		2,392	5,107	3 , 926	2,784	2,049	1,228	
Interest expense	969	938	1,920	1,629	1,213	939	472	
Net interest income		1,454	3,187	2,297	1,571	1,110	756	
Provision for loan losses		107	203	163	68	41	84	
Net interest income after								
	1,798	1,347	2,984	2,134	1,503	1,069	672	
provision for loan losses Non-interest income	1,796 867	672		922	1,503 596	208	94	
Non-interest expense	2 , 359	1,548	1,637 3,885	2,282	1,869	1,221	912	
Non-interest expense	2,339	1,340				1,221	912	
Earnings before income taxes	306	471	736	774	230	56	(146)	
Income taxes	118	185	276	273	78 	(165)	0	
Net earnings	188	286	460	501	152	221	(146)	
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PER SHARE DATA (1):								
Basic earnings per common shares	0.26	0.41	0.65	0.88	0.27	0.40	-0.26	
Diluted earnings per common share	0.25	0.39	0.62	0.86	0.27	0.40	-0.26	
Dividends declared per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Period end book value	9.12	8.83	8.99	8.32	6.17	5.92	5.46	
Average common shares outstanding	711,168	701,963	702 , 956	568,320	551,060	551,060	551 , 060	
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL CONDITION:								
Total assets		71,426	80,867	67,135	43,870	33,111	22,567	
Investment securities	16,961	9,205	14,204	7,045	3,686	3,423	3,195	
Loans receivable, net	53,820	48,810	52,980	39,762	31,527	23,578	16,464	
Total deposits	74,003	61,909	70,659	57,741	37,823	27,377	19,319	
Total borrowed funds	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	
Stockholders' equity	6 , 525	6,208	6,336	5,836	3,399	3,260	3,010	
Return on:								
Average assets	0.46%	0.83%	0.61%	0.93%	0.39%	0.79%	-0.80%	
Beginning stockholders' equity	5.93%	9.80%	7.36%	12.89%	4.66%	7.34%	-4.61%	
Equity as a percentage of total								
assets	7.87%	8.69%	7.84%	8.69%	7.75%	9.85%	13.34%	
Dividend payout ratio	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Efficiency ratio	84.70%	72.81%	80.53%	70.89%	86.25%	92.64%	107.29%	
Net loans to total assets	64.93%	68.34%	65.51%	59.23%	71.86%	71.21%	72.96%	
Net interest margin on average								
earning assets (tax equivalent)	5.33%	4.84%	4.89%	4.86%	4.78%	4.55%	4.84%	
Nonperforming assets to total								
assets	0.33%	0.23%	0.26%	0.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Allowance for loan losses to total								
loan	1.11%	0.89%	1.00%	0.93%	0.69%	0.64%	0.66%	
to nonperforming assets	223%	265%	255%	92%	N/M	N/M	N/M	

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS! MEETING

DATE, TIME, PLACE

The Mountain West Bank special meeting of stockholders will be held on January ___, 2000, at ____ [a.m./p.m.] local time, at _____.

As described below under "Vote Required," approval of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Mountain West Bank common stock. If there are not sufficient votes represented at the special meeting, either in person or by proxy, to approve the merger agreement, or if a quorum is not present, the bylaws of Mountain West Bank allow for an adjournment or postponement of the meeting in order to permit further solicitation of proxies by Mountain West Bank. The persons appointed as proxies on the form accompanying this document are authorized to vote to approve such adjournment or postponement, unless the proxy appointing them instructs them to vote against approval of the merger agreement.

PURPOSE

- At the special meeting, Mountain West shareholders will:
- o consider and vote on a proposal to approve the merger, and
- o act upon other matters, if any, that may properly come before the meeting.

RECORD DATE; SHARES OUTSTANDING AND ENTITLED TO VOTE

The Mountain West Bank board of directors has fixed _____ p.m. on ____, 1999 as the record date for determining the holders of shares of Mountain West Bank common stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting. At the close of business on the Mountain West Bank record date, there were _____ shares of Mountain West Bank common stock issued and outstanding held by approximately ____ holders of record. Holders of record of Mountain West Bank common stock on the record date are entitled to one vote per share, and are also entitled to exercise dissenters' rights if certain procedures are followed. See "THE MERGER - Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal" and APPENDIX B.

Each director and executive officer of Mountain West Bank has agreed to vote all Mountain West Bank shares held or controlled by him or her in favor of approval of the merger. A total of 114,808 outstanding shares, or approximately 16.05% of the outstanding shares of Mountain West Bank common stock, are covered by this voting agreement. See "THE MERGER - Voting Agreement."

VOTE REQUIRED

The affirmative vote of TWO-THIRDS of all shares of Mountain West Bank common stock outstanding on the record date is required to approve the merger. At least fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding shares of Mountain West Bank common stock must be present, either in person or by proxy, in order to constitute a quorum for the meeting. For this purpose, abstentions and broker nonvotes (that is, proxies from brokers or nominees, indicating that such person has not received instructions from the beneficial owners or other persons entitled to vote shares as to a matter with respect to which the broker or nominees do not have discretionary power to vote) are counted in determining the shares present at a meeting.

For voting purposes, however, only shares actually voted FOR the approval of the merger agreement, and neither abstentions nor broker nonvotes, will be counted as favorable votes in determining whether the merger

agreement is approved by the holders of Mountain West Bank common stock. AS A RESULT, ABSTENTIONS AND BROKER NONVOTES WILL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS VOTES AGAINST APPROVAL OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT.

VOTING, SOLICITATION, AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

If the enclosed proxy is duly executed and received in time for the special meeting, it will be voted in accordance with the instructions given. If no instruction is given, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the shares represented by the proxy FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MERGER AND IN THE PROXY'S DISCRETION ON ANY OTHER MATTER COMING BEFORE THE MEETING. Any proxy given by a stockholder may be revoked before its exercise by:

- o written notice to the Secretary of Mountain West Bank;
- o a subsequently dated proxy; or
- o in open meeting before the stockholder vote is taken.

Mountain West Bank is soliciting the proxy for the special meeting on behalf of the Mountain West Bank board of directors. Mountain West Bank will bear the cost of solicitation of proxies from its stockholders. In addition to using the mails, Mountain West Bank may solicit proxies by personal interview, telephone, and facsimile. Banks, brokerage houses, other institutions, nominees, and fiduciaries will be requested to forward their proxy soliciting material to their principals and obtain authorization for the execution of proxies. Mountain West Bank does not expect to pay any compensation for the solicitation of proxies. However, Mountain West Bank will, upon request, pay the standard charges and expenses of banks, brokerage houses, other institutions, nominees, and fiduciaries for forwarding proxy materials to and obtaining proxies from their principals.

BACKGROUND OF AND REASONS FOR THE MERGER

BACKGROUND OF THE MERGER

In March of 1999, the President of Mountain West Bank, Jon Hippler, was contacted by Michael Blodnick, CEO of Glacier, to determine if there might be an interest on the part of Mountain West Bank to discuss a merger or similar transaction with Glacier. From Mountain West Bank's standpoint, the inquiry from Glacier was timely. At a February 1999 planning session, the Mountain West Bank board of directors had approved additional expansion in the Boise area. This plan also recognized the need to raise additional capital in order to fund that expansion. The board also became aware of pending changes to accounting rules for merger and acquisition transactions (elimination of pooling-of-interests accounting treatment) which possibly could have a negative impact on the value of shares of community banks such as Mountain West Bank. Also, Mr. Hippler has known Mr. Blodnick for 16 years and thinks highly of him and the Glacier organization.

After taking into account all of the foregoing, Mr. Hippler and Charles Nipp, Chairman of the Board, agreed to meet with Mr. Blodnick and Mr. Bill Bouchee of Glacier. The meeting took place on April 10, 1999, in St. Regis,

As a result of the meeting, Chairman Nipp and President Hippler agreed that the Mountain West Bank board should have an opportunity to discuss the possibility of the merger to determine if the board would like to pursue discussions. An informal, social gathering of directors was held on May 4, 1999, at the Clark House in Hayden Lake, Idaho. Mr. Blodnick, Mr. Bouchee, and Fred Flanders were invited to the gathering to talk about the Glacier philosophy of community banking and the focus of Glacier's business plan. Mr. Bouchee and Mr. Flanders shared their insights as presidents of subsidiary banks of the holding company. Discussed extensively

was Glacier's philosophy of buying small community banks in good markets and allowing the bank to operate as independently chartered banks with their existing board and management.

At the Mountain West Bank board meeting held on May 19, 1999, discussions covered the possible future value of Mountain West Bank stock assuming successful execution of its business plan compared to the potential value of Glacier stock received in a merger. The board also discussed the advantages to shareholders of holding a more liquid, cash dividend paying stock compared to Mountain West Bank shares. The challenges of raising additional capital in the market was also discussed. As a result of the meeting, a majority of the board voted to form a committee consisting of directors Nipp, Hippler, Steve Meyer, and Jim English to pursue negotiations with Glacier.

On June 4, 1999, the committee traveled to Kalispell, Montana, to meet with Messrs. Blodnick, Bouchee, Flanders, and Glacier CFO Jim Strosahl. The discussions focused on relative values for the two organizations and pricing issues of a potential merger agreement as well as other structural issues of any such agreement. It was agreed at the meeting that any potential deal would have to be priced off of Mountain West Bank's estimated earnings for year 2000 as opposed to its historical earnings. Such an approach was required due to the fact that Mountain West Bank's earnings had been reduced in the current period because of its Boise expansion and a recent computer conversion. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Hippler agreed to furnish to Mr. Strosahl an estimate of the fiscal year 2000 earnings for Mountain West Bank, which would form the basis for Glacier to make a pricing proposal to the Board of Mountain West Bank.

The Glacier proposal was made at the June 18, 1999, regular board meeting of Mountain West Bank. At this meeting, a majority of the board directed the committee to negotiate a merger agreement with Glacier. On July 29, 1999, the committee flew to Boise with Messrs. Blodnick and Bouchee to familiarize Glacier with the Boise marketplace, and to further discuss the pricing and structural issues of potential merger.

On August 16, 1999, a meeting was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to finalize negotiations. Present at the meeting were Messrs. Hippler, Nipp, Blodnick and Strosahl. Also present were attorneys for Glacier and Mountain West Bank and a representative from CFAI.

On September 1, 1999, Mountain West Bank held a regular board meeting to consider the proposed merger agreement. A representative from CFAI and the attorneys for Mountain West Bank attended the meeting to make presentations on their respective work and to answer questions. The Mountain West Bank Board then scheduled a special meeting for September 8, 1999, to take an actual vote on the agreement, thus giving the directors additional time to consider the proposal. On September 8, 1999, the directors of Mountain West Bank met and approved the merger agreement by a unanimous vote and then executed the documents. On September 9, 1999, the Glacier board met and approved and executed the merger agreement.

REASONS FOR THE MERGER - MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

The Mountain West Bank board of directors believes that the terms of the merger agreement are fair and in the best interests of Mountain West Bank and its stockholders. In reaching a decision on the merger agreement, the Mountain West Bank board considered numerous factors taken as a whole, none of which were accorded any particular or relative weight. The board of directors also consulted with legal, tax, accounting and financial advisors, as well as Mountain West Bank senior management. The factors considered included:

- o the fairness opinion of CFAI with respect to the merger agreement;
- o the federal tax treatment to Mountain West Bank stockholders of the proposed transaction which provides for tax deferred treatment of the exchange of stock contemplated by the merger agreement;

- o Glacier stock is listed on NASDAQ NMS and this would provide greater liquidity for the shareholders;
- o the possibility of cash dividends;
- o the stock of Glacier has a track record of profitable growth;
- o the undertaking by Glacier to make capital available for planned expansion and growth;
- o the merger will provide Mountain West Bank with larger loan limits and opportunities as a "participation partner";
- o the undertaking by Glacier that Mountain West Bank will retain its name;
- o the undertaking by Glacier that there will be no computer conversion for at least two years;
- o the merger will provide additional employee benefits (i.e. funded pension plan, stock options);
- o Mountain West Bank would be relieved of most of the responsibility for SEC reporting activities and Glacier will be able to help with other back office tasks;
- o the increased financial and technology resources of Glacier;

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting on September 8, 1999, the Mountain West Bank board of directors determined that the merger agreement is in the best interests of Mountain West Bank and its stockholders, and unanimously ratified and approved the merger agreement.

OPINION OF MOUNTAIN WEST BANK FINANCIAL ADVISOR

CFAI has delivered a written opinion to the Mountain West Bank to the effect that, as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, the consideration to be received by Mountain West Bank common stockholders pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement is fair to such stockholders from a financial point of view. The amount of \S in common stock for each share of Mountain West Bank has been determined by Mountain West Bank and Glacier through negotiations. The CFAI opinion is directed only to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration to be received and does not constitute a recommendation to any Mountain West Bank stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote at the Mountain West Bank Special Meeting.

Mountain West Bank retained CFAI as its exclusive financial advisor pursuant to an engagement letter dated August 4, 1999 in connection with the merger. CFAI is a regionally recognized investment banking firm that is regularly engaged in the valuation of businesses and securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions. Mountain West Bank selected CFAI to act as Mountain West Bank's exclusive financial advisor based on CFAI's experience in mergers and acquisitions and in securities valuation generally.

On September 8, 1999, CFAI issued its opinion to the Mountain West Bank that, in its opinion as investment bankers, the terms of the merger as provided in the merger agreement are fair, from a financial view point, to Mountain West Bank and its stockholders. THE FULL TEXT OF THE CFAI OPINION, WHICH SETS FORTH THE ASSUMPTIONS MADE, MATTERS CONSIDERED, AND LIMITS ON ITS REVIEW, IS ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT AS APPENDIX C. THE SUMMARY OF THE CFAI OPINION IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE FULL TEXT OF SUCH OPINION. MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE ENTIRE CFAI OPINION.

In rendering its opinion to Mountain West Bank, CFAI reviewed, among other things, historical financial data of Mountain West Bank, certain internal financial data and assumptions of Mountain West Bank prepared for financial planning and budgeting purposes furnished by the management of Mountain West Bank and, to the extent publicly available, the financial terms of certain change of control transactions involving Northwest community banks. CFAI discussed with Mountain West Bank's management the financial condition, current operating results, and business outlook for Mountain West Bank. CFAI also reviewed certain publicly available information concerning Glacier and certain financial and securities data of Glacier and companies deemed similar to Glacier. CFAI discussed with Glacier's management the financial condition, current operating results, and business outlook for Glacier and Glacier's plans relating to Mountain West Bank. In rendering its opinion, CFAI relied, without independent verification, on the accuracy and completeness of all financial and other information reviewed by it and did not attempt to verify or to make any independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets of Mountain West Bank or Glacier nor was it furnished any such appraisals. Mountain West Bank did not impose any limitations on the scope of the CFAI investigation in arriving at its opinion. CFAI analyzed the total purchase price on a cash equivalent fair market value basis using standard evaluation techniques (as discussed below) including comparable sales multiples, net present value analysis, and net asset value based on certain assumption of projected growth, earnings and dividends and a range of discount rates from 16% to 18%.

NET ASSET VALUE is the value of the net equity of a bank, including every kind of property and value. This approach normally assumes the liquidation on the date of appraisal with the recognition of the investment securities gains or losses, real estate appreciation or depreciation, adjustments to the loan loss reserve, discounts to the loan portfolio and changes in the net value of other assets. As such, it is not the best evaluation approach when valuing a going concern because it is based on historical costs and varying accounting methods. Even if the assets and liabilities are adjusted to reflect prevailing market prices and yields (which is often of limited accuracy due to the lack of readily available data), it still results in a liquidation value. In addition, since this approach fails to account for the values attributable to the going concern such as the interrelationship among Mountain West Bank's assets and liabilities, customer relations, market presence, image and reputation, staff expertise and depth, little weight is given by CFAI to the net asset value approach to valuation.

MARKET VALUE is generally defined as the price, established on an "arms-length" basis, at which knowledgeable, unrelated buyers and sellers would agree. The "hypothetical" market value for a small bank with a thin market for its common stock is normally determined by comparison to the average price to stockholders equity, price to earnings, and price to total assets, adjusting for significant differences in financial performance criteria and for any lack of marketability or liquidity of the buyer. The market value in connection with the evaluation of control of a bank is determined by the previous sales of small banks in the state or region. In valuing a business enterprise, when sufficient comparable trade data are available, the market value approach deserves greater weighting than the net asset value approach and similar weight as the investment value approach as discussed below.

CFAI maintains a comprehensive data base concerning prices paid for banking institutions in the Northwest, particularly Idaho, Montana, Eastern Washington, and Eastern Oregon banking institutions, during 1988 through 1999. This data base provides comparable pricing and financial performance data for banking institutions sold or acquired. Organized by different peer groups, these data present medians of financial performance and purchase price levels, thereby facilitating a valid comparative purchase price analysis. In analyzing the transaction value of Mountain West Bank, CFAI has considered the market approach and has evaluated price to stockholders equity and price to earnings multiples and the price to total assets percentage for transactions involving banking organizations with total assets less than \$150 million that sold for 100% common stock from January 1993 to June 1999.

COMPARABLE SALES MULTIPLES. CFAI calculated a "Merger Consideration-Adjusted Book Value" for Mountain West Bank's June 30, 1999 stockholders' equity and the estimated December 31, 1999 stockholders' equity adjusted for the price to stockholders equity ratios for a sample of Northwest banking institutions with

assets of below \$150 million which sold between January 1, 1993 through June 30, 1999 and a sample of Northwest banking institutions with total assets of below \$150 million which sold between January 1, 1997 and June 30, 1999. The calculations are \$17.48 and \$20.72 per share, respectively, for the June 30, 1999 stockholders' equity for the two samples. For the estimated December 31, 1999 stockholders' equity, the calculations are \$18.42 and \$21.84, respectively. For Mountain West Bank's 1999 net income twelve months prior to June 30, 1999, the calculations are \$8.23 and \$8.90 per share, respectively.

TRANSACTION VALUE AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ASSETS. CFAI calculated the percentage of total assets which the transaction represents as a price level indicator. The transaction value as a percentage of total assets facilitates a truer price level comparison with comparable banking organizations, regardless of the differing levels of stockholders equity and earnings. In this instance, a transaction value of \$_____ per Mountain West Bank share results in a transaction value as a percentage of total assets of 21.25%. The median price as a percentage of total assets for a sample of Northwest banking institutions with assets of below \$150 million which sold between January 1, 1993 through June 30, 1999 and a sample of Northwest banking institutions with total assets of below \$150 million which sold between January 1, 1997 and June 30, 1999 is 20.7% and 22.4%, respectively.

INVESTMENT VALUE is sometimes referred to as the income or earnings value. One investment value method frequently used estimates the present value of an institution's future earnings or cash flow which is discussed below.

NET PRESENT VALUE ANALYSIS. The investment or earnings value of any banking organization's stock is an estimate of the present value of future benefits, usually earnings, dividends, or cash flow, which will accrue to the stock. An earnings value is calculated using an annual future earning stream over a period of time of not less than five years and the residual or terminal value of the earnings stream after five years, using Mountain West Bank's estimates of future growth and an appropriate capitalization or discount rate. CFAI's calculations were based on an analysis of the banking industry, Mountain West Bank's earnings estimates for 2000-2004, historical levels of growth and earnings, and the competitive situation in Mountain West Bank's market area. Using discount rates of 16% and 18%, acceptable discount rates considering the risk-return relationship most investors would demand for an investment of this type as of the valuation date, the "Net Present Value of Future Earnings" provided a range of \$26.52 to \$31.72 per share.

When the net asset value, market value and investment value approaches are subjectively weighed, using the appraiser's experience and judgment, it is CFAI's opinion that the proposed transaction is fair, from a financial point of view to the Mountain West Bank stockholders.

Pursuant to the terms of the engagement letter, Mountain West Bank has agreed to pay CFAI a fee of \$30,000 for this fairness opinion. In addition, Mountain West Bank has agreed to indemnify CFAI against certain liabilities.

In the past five years, CFAI has served Glacier in several capacities unrelated to the proposed transaction between Glacier and Mountain West Bank. Past financial advisory engagements include the purchase of two Butte, Montana branches with approximately \$73 million in deposits from Washington Mutual, Inc. and valuations of potential merger partners. In addition, CFAI has served as financial advisor to Missoula Bancshares, Inc., HUB Financial Corp., and Valley Bank of Helena in their mergers with Glacier.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST BANK BOARD

The Mountain West Bank board of directors unanimously recommends that its stockholders vote for approval of the merger agreement.

THE MERGER

The following is a brief description of the material aspects of the merger. There are other aspects of the merger that are not discussed below, but that are contained in the merger agreement. You are being asked to approve the merger in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, and you are urged to read the merger agreement carefully. The merger agreement is attached to this prospectus/proxy statement as APPENDIX A.

BASIC TERMS OF THE MERGER

The merger agreement provides for the merger of Mountain West Bank into a newly formed subsidiary of Glacier, called New Mountain West Bank. After the merger, Mountain West Bank will be owned by Glacier, as a subsidiary.

In the merger, each Mountain West Bank stockholder, except stockholders who exercise their dissenter's rights, will receive shares of Glacier common stock and will become Glacier stockholders. Mountain West Bank stockholders will receive 1.18 shares of Glacier common stock for each share of Mountain West Bank common stock that they own, rounded to two decimals. Glacier will not issue fractional shares of its common stock, but will pay cash equal to \$20.00 per share for such fractional shares, as described below.

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If you own 575 shares of Mountain West Bank common stock, and the merger becomes effective, you will be entitled to receive 678.5 shares of Glacier common stock. Because Glacier will not issue fractional shares, you would receive 678 shares of Glacier common stock and would receive cash, in this case \$10.00, for the fractional share.

Subject to the conditions set forth in the merger agreement, the merger will occur within 30 days after all conditions have been satisfied or waived, and all necessary approvals have been obtained, but not earlier than January 17, 2000 unless the parties otherwise agree. Glacier and Mountain West Bank anticipate that the merger will occur as early as the end of January, 2000. Either Glacier or Mountain West Bank may terminate the merger agreement if the merger has not occurred by March 31, 2000.

DO NOT SEND IN YOUR CERTIFICATES NOW. YOU WILL RECEIVE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND THE REQUIRED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AFTER THE MERGER IS EFFECTIVE.

CASH FOR FRACTIONAL SHARES

Glacier will not issue certificates for fractional shares of Glacier common stock that would otherwise be issuable. Each Mountain West Bank stockholder who is otherwise entitled to receive a fractional share, will receive cash in lieu of such fractional share, in an amount equal to the product of such fraction multiplied by \$20.00. Mountain West Bank stockholders will have no other rights with respect to such fractional shares.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER

The following is a discussion of the material federal income tax consequences of the merger that are generally applicable to Mountain West Bank stockholders. This discussion is based upon the opinion of Graham & Dunn P.C., special counsel to Glacier, and on current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, current regulations under the Code (including final, temporary or proposed), and current administrative rulings and court decisions as of the date hereof. The foregoing are subject to change. Any such change, which may or may not be retroactive, could alter the tax consequences described below. The following discussion is intended only as a

summary of the material federal income tax consequences of the merger and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all of the potential tax effects relevant to a decision on whether to vote in favor of approval of the merger agreement.

The merger is expected to qualify as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code. As parties to the merger, neither Glacier nor Mountain West Bank will recognize gain or loss as a result of the merger. With respect to Mountain West Bank stockholders, and subject to the qualifications contained elsewhere in this discussion:

- o Holders of Mountain West Bank common stock will recognize no gain or loss on the receipt of Glacier common stock, but will recognize gain or loss with respect to the receipt of cash in lieu of fractional shares (see "--Cash for Fractional Shares").
- o The tax basis of the Glacier common stock received in the merger will be the same as the tax basis of the Mountain West Bank common stock for which it is exchanged, less any basis attributable to fractional shares for which cash is received.
- o The holding period of Glacier common stock received in the merger will include the holding period of the Mountain West Bank common stock for which it is exchanged, assuming the shares of Mountain West Bank common stock are capital assets in the hands of the holder at the closing of the merger.
- o Where cash is received in exchange for the surrender of Mountain West Bank common stock, the cash will be treated as a distribution in redemption of the Mountain West Bank common stock, subject to the provisions and limitations of the Code.

Graham & Dunn P.C. has delivered an opinion to the foregoing effect to Glacier. The opinion has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this proxy statement/prospectus is a part. The foregoing is only a summary of the tax consequences of the merger as described in the opinion. The opinion is based on assumptions, representations made by officers of Glacier and Mountain West Bank to Graham & Dunn P.C., and contains qualifications appropriate to the subject matter.

Closing of the merger is conditioned on Glacier's and Mountain West Bank's receipt of an opinion of Graham & Dunn, to the effect that if the merger is consummated in accordance with the terms set forth in the merger agreement, the merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, and that no gain or loss will be recognized by Mountain West Bank stockholders who receive shares of Glacier common stock in exchange for their shares of Mountain West Bank common stock (except for cash received in lieu of fractional shares).

An opinion of counsel only represents counsel's best legal judgment, and has no binding effect or official status of any kind, and no assurance can be given that contrary positions may not be taken by the Internal Revenue Service or a court considering the issues. Neither Mountain West Bank nor Glacier has requested or will request a ruling from the IRS with regard to the federal income tax consequences of the merger.

THE FOREGOING IS A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE MATERIAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER TO MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCKHOLDERS, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PARTICULAR FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH STOCKHOLDER'S TAX SITUATION AND STATUS. THE DISCUSSION DOES NOT ADDRESS THE TAX CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY BE RELEVANT TO A PARTICULAR STOCKHOLDER SUBJECT TO SPECIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE CODE, SUCH AS DEALERS IN SECURITIES, BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS, NON-UNITED STATES PERSONS, AND STOCKHOLDERS WHO ACQUIRED MOUNTAIN WEST BANK COMMON STOCK PURSUANT TO THE EXERCISE OF OPTIONS OR OTHERWISE AS COMPENSATION. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE RELEVANT STATE, LOCAL OR OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES, NONE

OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED ABOVE. BECAUSE CERTAIN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE MERGER MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH STOCKHOLDER, EACH MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCKHOLDER SHOULD CONSULT HIS OR HER OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING SUCH STOCKHOLDER'S SPECIFIC TAX SITUATION AND STATUS, INCLUDING THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION OF STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN LAWS TO SUCH STOCKHOLDER AND THE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN FEDERAL AND OTHER TAX LAWS.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

To induce Glacier to enter into the merger agreement, Mountain West Bank has granted a stock purchase option to Glacier, by agreement dated as of September 9, 1999. The agreement gives Glacier the option to purchase authorized but unissued shares of Mountain West common stock which, if purchased and issued, would constitute 19.9% of the outstanding Mountain West Bank common stock, at \$21.00 per share. The option price of \$21.00 per share is the estimated fair market value of Mountain West Bank common stock at June 30, 1999.

Glacier's option to purchase Mountain West Bank common stock effectively makes acquisition of Mountain West Bank by a party other than Glacier more expensive, and therefore less likely, as there would be more shares of Mountain West Bank common stock outstanding.

Glacier may not exercise the option unless certain "triggering events" as defined in the option agreement occur. These triggering events include, among other things:

- o Mountain West Bank or the Mountain West Bank board of directors enters into an agreement under which another person or entity would (i) merge, consolidate with, or acquire 51% or more of the assets or liabilities of Mountain West Bank, or (ii) acquire more than 15% of Mountain West Bank's voting shares;
- o Any person or entity acquires, subject to additional criteria described in the option agreement, the beneficial ownership or the right to acquire beneficial ownership of Mountain West Bank securities which, when totaled with other Mountain West Bank securities owned by such person or entity, represents 25% or more of Mountain West Bank's voting shares; or
- o The failure of Mountain West Bank's shareholders to approve the merger, after any person or entity announces its proposal to (i) acquire 51% or more of Mountain West Bank's assets; (ii) acquire 25% or more of Mountain West Bank's voting shares; or (iii) change the composition of Mountain West Bank's board of directors.

Glacier, or a transferee as permitted under the option agreement, may only exercise the option, following a triggering event, after it obtains all necessary regulatory approvals. Also, Glacier or its transferee may not exercise the option if, at the time of exercise, Glacier is failing in any material respect to perform or observe its obligations under the merger agreement.

VOTING AGREEMENT

The directors and executive officers of Mountain West Bank have entered into a Shareholder Agreement, dated as of September 9, 1999. In the agreement, each director and executive officer agrees to vote the shares of Mountain West Bank common stock that he or she owns or controls in favor of the merger. The persons who have entered into this agreement are entitled to vote a total of 114,808 outstanding shares of Mountain West common stock, which is approximately 16.05% of the total shares outstanding.

DISSENTERS' RIGHTS OF APPRAISAL

Under Idaho law (IC Section 26-909), you may exercise "dissenters' rights" and receive the fair value of your shares in cash, if certain procedures are followed. To exercise these rights, you must vote against the merger agreement and then make written demand to Mountain West Bank within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the merger. The written demand should be sent to the following address:

Mountain West Bank 125 Ironwood Dr. P.O. Box 1059 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-1059

THE FAILURE OF A MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCKHOLDER TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE IDAHO STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF DISSENTERS' RIGHTS. A COPY OF THE RELEVANT STATUTORY PROVISIONS IS ATTACHED AS APPENDIX B. YOU SHOULD REFER TO THIS APPENDIX FOR A COMPLETE STATEMENT CONCERNING DISSENTERS' RIGHTS AND THE FOREGOING SUMMARY OF SUCH RIGHTS IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THAT APPENDIX.

EXCHANGE OF STOCK CERTIFICATES

On and after the merger effective date, certificates representing Mountain West Bank common stock will be deemed to represent only the right to receive Glacier common stock or cash for fractional shares, as provided in the merger agreement. Upon surrender of certificates that, before the merger effective date, represented shares of Mountain West Bank common stock, together with a properly executed transmittal letter form and any other required documents, the holder surrendering the certificates will be entitled to receive certificates representing the number of shares of Glacier common stock, and cash, if any, to which he or she is entitled in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement.

All Glacier common stock issued to Mountain West Bank stockholders under the merger agreement will be deemed issued as of the merger effective date. No distributions or dividends paid on shares of Glacier common stock after closing of the merger will be paid to Mountain West Bank stockholders who are entitled under the merger agreement to receive Glacier common stock, until such stockholders have surrendered the certificates formerly representing shares of Mountain West Bank common stock. At that time, any accumulated dividends and distributions since the merger effective date, without interest, will be paid.

CONDITIONS TO THE MERGER; REGULATORY APPROVALS

Consummation of the merger is subject to various conditions. No assurance can be provided as to whether these conditions will be satisfied or waived by the appropriate party. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the merger will be completed.

Under Idaho law, approval of the merger requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the holders of all outstanding shares of Mountain West Bank common stock. In addition, the Federal Reserve Board must approve the merger. An application for prior approval by the Federal Reserve Board has been filed. Although no assurance can be given, the parties expect to receive this approval in due course.

Certain conditions must be satisfied or events must occur before the parties will be obligated to complete the merger. Each party's obligations under the merger agreement are conditioned on satisfaction by the other parties of conditions applicable to them. Some of these conditions are as follows:

- o Mountain West Bank's receipt of an opinion from Graham & Dunn P.C. to the effect that, among other things, the merger will qualify as a tax-free reorganization under Section 368(a)(1)(A) of the Code;
- o Glacier's and Mountain West Bank's receipt of opinions from Lukins & Annis, P.S. and Graham & Dunn P.C., respectively, to the effect that, among other things, Mountain West Bank and Glacier have the corporate power and authority, and have taken all necessary corporate action, to execute, deliver and perform the merger agreement; and
- o Glacier's receipt of a letter from KPMG LLP, to the effect that they concur with management's understanding that the merger will qualify for "pooling of interests" accounting treatment if it is consummated in accordance with the merger agreement.
- o Glacier's receipt of an updated fairness opinion of CFAI (to be delivered by Mountain West Bank, at its expense), dated immediately prior to closing, to the effect that the financial terms of the merger are financially fair to Mountain West Bank's stockholders.

Additionally, Glacier may terminate the merger if certain conditions applicable to Mountain West Bank are not satisfied or waived. Those conditions are discussed below under "- Amendment or Termination of the Merger Agreement."

Either Glacier or Mountain West Bank may waive any of the other party's conditions, except those that are required by law (such as receipt of regulatory and Mountain West Bank stockholder approval). Either Glacier or Mountain West Bank may also grant extended time to the other party to complete an obligation or condition.

AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT

The merger agreement may be amended or supplemented at any time by written agreement of the parties, whether before or after the Mountain West Bank special meeting. To the extent permitted under applicable law, the parties may make any amendment or supplement without further approval of Mountain West Bank's stockholders. However, any amendments which would reduce the amount or change the form of consideration Mountain West Bank's stockholders will receive in the merger transaction or affect the tax treatment of the merger would require further Mountain West Bank stockholder approval.

The merger agreement contains several provisions entitling either Mountain West Bank or Glacier to terminate the merger agreement under certain circumstances. The following briefly describes these provisions:

Lapse of Time. If the merger has not closed by March 31, 2000, then at any time after that date, the board of directors of either Glacier or Mountain West Bank may terminate the merger agreement, as long as the party terminating has not caused the delay in closing by breaching its obligations under the merger agreement.

Mutual Consent. The parties may terminate the merger agreement at any time before closing, whether before or after approval by Mountain West Bank's stockholders, by mutual consent.

Impracticability. The parties may terminate the merger agreement if the party seeking termination, through its board of directors, has determined that the transaction has become inadvisable or impracticable by reason of litigation by the federal government or governments of Idaho or Montana to restrain or invalidate the merger.

Mountain West Bank's Conditions Not Met. Glacier may terminate the merger agreement if, by March 31, 2000, any of Mountain West Bank's conditions to closing are not met. Among such conditions are:

- o Mountain West Bank's Tangible Equity Capital, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, must be at least \$6.3 million:
- o Mountain West Bank's deposits, excluding certain deposits and certificates of deposit, must be at least \$69 million;
- o there must have been no event that causes a Material Adverse Effect, as defined in the merger agreement, with respect to Mountain West Bank:
- o Mountain West Bank's financial condition must meet the criteria set forth in the merger agreement; and
- o the aggregate amount of cash to be paid by Glacier, for fractional shares and to holders of dissenting shares of Mountain West Bank common stock, must not exceed 10% of the merger purchase price.

Glacier's Conditions Not Met. Mountain West Bank may terminate the merger agreement if, by March 31, 2000, any of Glacier's conditions to closing are not met. Among such conditions are:

- o there must have been no event that causes a Material Adverse Effect, as defined in the merger agreement, with respect to Glacier; and
- o Glacier must have complied with all terms, covenants and conditions of the merger agreement.

Termination Fees. If Mountain West Bank terminates the merger agreement under certain circumstances, or Glacier terminates the merger agreement under certain circumstances due to Mountain West Bank's failure to comply with or satisfy certain conditions to closing, Mountain West Bank will pay Glacier a termination fee of \$200,000. If Glacier terminates the merger agreement under certain circumstances, or Mountain West Bank terminates the merger agreement under certain circumstances due to Glacier's failure to comply with or satisfy certain conditions to closing, Glacier will pay Mountain West Bank a termination fee of \$100,000.

Allocation of Costs Upon Termination. If the merger agreement is terminated, Glacier and Mountain West Bank will each pay their own out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the transaction and, except for any applicable termination or break-up fees, will have no other liability to the other party.

CONDUCT PENDING THE MERGER

The merger agreement provides that, until the merger is effective, Mountain West Bank will conduct its business only in the ordinary and usual course, and use all reasonable efforts to preserve its present business organization, retain the services of its present management, and preserve the goodwill of all parties with whom it has business dealings. The merger agreement also provides that, unless Glacier otherwise consents in writing, Mountain West Bank will refrain from engaging in various activities such as:

- o effecting any stock split or other recapitalization;
- o declaring or paying dividends or other distributions;
- o acquiring or disposing of assets or making with respect to assets material commitments outside the ordinary course of business;
- o with certain exceptions, soliciting or accepting deposit accounts of a different type than previously accepted by Mountain West Bank, or incurring any indebtedness in excess of \$25,000;

- o acquiring real property without conducting an environmental evaluation;
- o with certain exceptions, entering into or terminating any contracts with a term of more than one year or that require Mountain West Bank to pay or owe more than \$25,000;
- o selling investment securities if the aggregate gain realized would exceed \$60,000, or transferring investment securities between portfolios;
- o amending or materially changing its policies or procedures;
- o with certain exceptions, making capital expenditures in excess of \$10,000 per project or \$25,000 in the aggregate; and
- o entering into transactions or incurring any expenses that are not in the ordinary course of business.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS AFTER THE MERGER

Following the merger the Mountain West Bank board of directors will consist of Mountain West Bank's current directors, plus Michael Blodnick, who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Glacier. Mountain West Bank's executive officers will remain unchanged following the merger.

Although Mountain West Bank will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Glacier after the merger, it will operate independently. In the merger agreement, Glacier and Mountain West Bank have agreed that:

- o Mountain West Bank will retain its current name for at least three years following the merger;
- o Assuming that Glacier remains "well-capitalized" under applicable banking regulations, Glacier will, within two years of the closing of the merger, and at Mountain West Bank's request, provide sufficient capital for Mountain West Bank to expand by two branches and to construct a permanent branch building in Boise, Idaho.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The merger agreement confirms Glacier's intention to allow Mountain West Bank's employees who continue as employees of Mountain West Bank after the merger to participate in certain Glacier employee benefit plans. Mountain West Bank's employee benefit plans will be terminated as soon as practical after the merger, and employee interests in those plans will be transferred or merged into Glacier's employee benefit plans.

INTERESTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE MERGER

Certain members of Mountain West Bank's board of directors and management may be deemed to have interests in the merger, in addition to their interests as stockholders of Mountain West Bank generally. The Mountain West Bank board of directors was aware of these factors and considered them, among other things, in approving the merger agreement.

Jon Hippler Employment Agreement. Glacier has ratified an employment agreement between Mountain West Bank and Jon W. Hippler, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mountain West Bank. The employment agreement is for a term of three years, beginning on the merger effective date. Mr. Hippler's initial annual salary will be \$125,000. Subsequent salary adjustments will be subject to Mountain West Bank's annual review of his compensation and performance. The agreement also provides for incentive compensation, as determined by the board of directors of Mountain West Bank and subject to ratification by Glacier's board of

directors. The amount of any such incentive compensation, which would be based on Mr. Hippler's performance of his duties and the safety, soundness and profitability of Mountain West Bank, will be determined by the board of directors.

The agreement provides that Glacier will use its best efforts to nominate and recommend Mr. Hippler for election to Glacier's board of directors.

If Mountain West Bank terminates the employment agreement without cause (as defined in the agreement), or if Mr. Hippler terminates the agreement for good reason (as defined in the agreement), Mr. Hippler will be entitled to severance payments consisting of the compensation and other benefits to the end of the term of the employment agreement, to which he would have been entitled if his employment had not been terminated. If Mr. Hippler's employment is terminated in certain circumstances tied to a change in control of Mountain West Bank, Mr. Hippler will be entitled to a one-time payment equal to the amount of his annual salary at the time of termination, and the continuation of other employee benefits for one year following termination. Mr. Hippler is prohibited from competing with Mountain West Bank in Kootenai, Ada or Canyon counties in Idaho, or in any other counties in which Mountain West Bank or Glacier may have a presence, for a period equal to the longer of three years from the effective date of the merger or two years from termination of employment (or one year from termination, if Glacier does not offer comparable employment at the end of the three year term of the agreement).

Employment Agreement for Other Officers. Prior to consummation of the merger, it is anticipated that Mountain West Bank will enter into 3-year employment agreements with four senior officers. The name, title and proposed annual salary of each such officer is as follows: Ronn Rich, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, \$70,000; Diane Reed, Senior Vice President - Residential Lending, \$125,000; Paula Smyly, Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, \$80,000; and Robert Beck, Vice President and Manager, \$50,000 plus commissions. The executives will also be entitled to incentive compensation and other standard benefits.

If Mountain West Bank terminates any of the employment agreements for Messrs. Rich and Beck, Ms. Smyly and Ms. Reed without cause (as defined in the agreement), or if the officer terminates the agreement for good reason (as defined in the agreement), such executive will be entitled to severance payments consisting of the compensation and other benefits to the end of the term of the employment agreement, to which he or she would have been entitled if his or her employment had not been terminated. Each executive is prohibited from competing with Mountain West Bank in Kootenai, Ada or Canyon counties in Idaho, or in any other counties in which Mountain West Bank or Glacier may have a presence, for a period equal to the lesser of three years from the effective date of the merger or two years from the officer's termination of employment.

Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The merger agreement provides that Glacier will, for three years following the effective date of the merger, indemnify the present and former officers of Mountain West Bank against liabilities that may arise in the future, incurred in connection with claims or actions pertaining to matters that existed or occurred prior to the effective date of the merger. The scope of this indemnification will be to the same extent that such persons would have been entitled to indemnification under Idaho law or the articles of incorporation or bylaws of Mountain West Bank.

Director Noncompetition Agreements. All members of Mountain West Bank's board of directors have entered into noncompetition agreements with Glacier. Except under certain limited circumstances, the noncompetition agreements prohibit directors of Mountain West Bank from competing with Glacier and/or Mountain West Bank in Kootenai, Ada and Canyon counties during the term beginning upon consummation of the merger and ending the later of (1) three years after closing of the merger or (2) one year after the director's service as a director of Mountain West is terminated if the director resigns or refuses to stand for reelection. If a director is removed without good cause or is not reelected as a director of Mountain West Bank, the term of the noncompetition agreement will be no more than be one year.

ACCOUNTING TREATMENT OF THE MERGER

Glacier and Mountain West Bank anticipate that the merger will be accounted for as a "pooling of interests" for accounting purposes. Under this method of accounting, assets and liabilities of Mountain West Bank and Glacier are carried forward at their previously recorded amounts, and operating results of Mountain West Bank and Glacier will represent the combined results for periods before and after the merger. No recognition of goodwill arising from the merger is required of any party to the merger.

Glacier's receipt of a letter from KPMG LLP, to the effect that they concur with management's understanding that the merger will qualify as a "pooling of interests" if consummated in accordance with the merger agreement, is a condition to the closing of the merger.

STOCK RESALES BY MOUNTAIN WEST BANK AFFILIATES

The Glacier common stock to be issued in the merger will be transferable free of restrictions under the 1933 Act, except for shares received by persons, including directors and executive officers of Mountain West Bank, who may be deemed to be "affiliates" of Mountain West Bank, as that term is used in (i) paragraphs (c) and (d) of Rule 145 under the 1933 Act and/or (ii) Accounting Series Releases 130 and 135, as amended, of the SEC. Affiliates may not sell their shares of Glacier common stock acquired in the merger, except (a) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the 1933 Act covering those shares, (b) in compliance with Rule 145, or (c) in accordance with an opinion of counsel reasonably satisfactory to Glacier, under other applicable exemptions from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act. Glacier will obtain customary agreements with all Mountain West Bank directors, officers, and affiliates of Mountain West Bank, under which such persons will represent that they will not dispose of their shares of Glacier received in the merger or the shares of capital stock of Mountain West Bank or Glacier held by them before the merger, except in compliance with the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated under the 1933 Act. This prospectus/proxy statement does not cover any resales of the Glacier common stock received by affiliates of Mountain West Bank.

STOCK PRICE AND DIVIDEND INFORMATION

GLACIER. Glacier common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "GBCI." The following table sets forth for the periods indicated:

- o the high and low sale prices for Glacier common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market, and
- o dividends per share on Glacier common stock.

The per share information has been adjusted retroactively to reflect the 10% stock dividend paid in May 1999.

		7.077	CASH
	HIGH	LOW	DIVIDENDS DECLARED
1997			
	610 64	¢10 01	¢0.00
First quarter	\$13.64	\$12.81	\$0.09
Second quarter	\$17.36	\$12.60	\$0.10
Third quarter	\$16.12	\$14.46	\$0.10
Fourth quarter	\$20.66	\$15.40	\$0.14
1998			
First quarter	\$24.38	\$19.21	\$0.10
Second quarter	\$23.55	\$21.90	\$0.11
Third quarter	\$23.97	\$20.72	\$0.12
Fourth quarter	\$20.57	\$17.16	\$0.19
1999			
	601 00	617 05	¢0 14
First quarter	\$21.82	\$17.05	\$0.14
Second quarter	\$24.38	\$17.27	\$0.15
Third quarter	\$23.88	\$15.25	\$0.15
Fourth quarter (through , 1999)			

At September 30, 1999, there were approximately 960 holders of record of Glacier common stock.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK. No broker makes a market in Mountain West Bank common stock, and trading has not otherwise been extensive. The trades that have occurred cannot be characterized as amounting to an established public trading market. Mountain West Bank common stock is traded by individuals on a personal basis and is not listed on any exchange or traded on the over-the-counter market, and the prices reported reflect only the transactions known to management of Mountain West Bank. Due to the limited information available, the following data may not accurately reflect the actual market value of Mountain West Bank common stock. The following data includes trades between individual investors, as reported to Mountain West Bank by its transfer agent, Davidson Trust Co.

	No. of Shares Reported as Traded	No. of Transactions	High 	Low
1997	17,781	17	\$12.75	\$12.75
1998(1)	249,246	48	\$20.00	\$13.00
1999 (through 9/30/99)	27,302	15	\$23.00	\$20.00

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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Mountain West Bank did not declare or pay a cash dividend in the period covered by the table above. \end{tabular}$

At September 30, 1999, there were approximately 319 holders of record of Mountain West Bank common stock.

⁽¹⁾ Mountain West Bank issued 150,000 shares of common stock in February 1998 at \$13.00 per share.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following unaudited pro forma combined financial statements give effect to the merger of Glacier and Mountain West Bank on a pooling-of-interests basis. The unaudited pro forma combined statements of income assume the merger was consummated as of the beginning of the first period presented.

These unaudited pro forma combined financial statements should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements and the related notes thereto to Glacier and Mountain West Bank included in this prospectus/proxy statement or incorporated by reference.

The unaudited pro forma statements of income are not necessarily indicative of operating results which would have been achieved had the merger been consummated as of the beginning of the first period presented and should not be construed as representative of future operations.

PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 (Unaudited)

(amounts in thousands)	Glacier	Mountain West	(Note 1)	Glacier/Mountain West Pro Forma Combined
Assets Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 29,944	3,638		33,582
Federal funds sold	278	0		278
Interest bearing cash deposits	4,800	3 , 795		8 , 595
Cash and cash equivalents	35,022	7,433	0	42,455
Investments				
Investment securities, held-to-maturity	0	765		765
Investment securities, available-for-sale	188,726	15 , 569		204,295
Total Investments	188,726	16,334	0	205,060
Loans receivable	571,690	54,554		626,244
Allowance for losses	(5,896)	(653)		(6,549)
Total Loans, net	565,794	53,901	0	619,695
Premises and equipment, net	19,090	3,339		22,429
Real estate and other assets owned	183	0		183
Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle stock, at cost	13,997	627		14,624
Federal Reserve stock, at cost	1,431	0		1,431
Accrued interest receivable	4,871	479		5,350
Goodwill, net	2,432	0		2,432
Other assets	3,710	771		4,481
Total assets	\$ 835,256 ======	82,884 =====	0	918,140 ======
Liabilities and stockholders' equity	ĉ 110 07 <i>6</i>	10 066		126 042
Deposits - non-interest bearing	\$ 118,876	18,066		136,942
Deposits - interest bearing	383,905	57 , 660		441,565
Seattle	193,942	0		193,942
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	43,771	0		43,771
Other borrowed funds	7,769	0		7,769
Accrued interest payable	2,992	45		3,037
Current income taxes	178 4,781	118 470		296 5,251
Minority interest	307	4 / 0		307
minority interest				
Total liabilities	756,521	76 , 359	0	832,880
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share(1)	95	1,789	(1,780)	104
Paid-in capital	80,859	4,413	1,780	87 , 052
Retained earnings - substantially restricted	1,420	464		1,884
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings	(3,639)	(141)		(3,780)
Total stockholders' equity	78 , 735	6 , 525	0	85 , 260
Total liabilities and stockholders'				
equity	\$ 835,256	82,884	0	918,140
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Note 1 - Restates capital accounts to reflect \$.01 per share stock value

PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 (Unaudited)

(amounts in thousands, except per share data)	Glacier	Mountain West	Glacier/Mountain West Pro forma Combined
Interest income			
Loans	\$34,513	3,396	37,909
Investments and interest bearing deposits	7,986	829	8,815
Total interest income	42,499	4,224	46,723
Interest expense			
Deposits	10,274	1,421	11,695
Borrowings	7 , 974	35 	8,009
Total interest expense	18,248	1,455	19,703
Net interest income	24,251	2,769	27,020
Provision for loan losses	1,090	156	1,246
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	23,161	2,613	25,774
103363	25,101	2,013	23,114
Non-interest income			
Fees and service charges	7,423	1,402	8,825
Net gains on sales of investments	4	17	21
Other income	874	(51)	823
Total non-interest income	8,301	1,369	9,670
Non-interest expense			
Employee compensation and benefits	9,167	1,464	10,631
Occupancy & equipment	2,348	708	3,056
Other expense	5,941	1,399	7,340
Minority interest	36	0	36
Total non-interest expense	17,492	3,571	21,063
Earnings before income taxes	13,970	411	14,381
Federal and state income tax expense	4,910	148	5,058
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Not carrings	\$ 9,060	263	0 222
Net earnings	\$ 9,060 =====		9,323 =====
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Average common shares outstanding(1)	9,512	709	10,348
Basic net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 0.95	0.37	0.90
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 0.94	0.35	0.89

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends

PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 (Unaudited)

(amounts in thousands, except per share data)	Glacier	Mountain West	Glacier/Mountain West Pro forma Combined
Interest income	624 020	2,785	26 022
Loans Investments and interest bearing deposits	\$34,038 6,263	646	36,823 6,909
Total interest income	40,301	3,430	43,731
Interest expense			
Deposits	11,079	1,322	12,401
Borrowings	6,802 	47	6,849
Total interest expense	17,881	1,369	19,250
Net interest income	22,420	2,061	24,481
Provision for loan losses	1,094	142	1,236
Net interest income after provision for loan			
losses	21,326	1,919	23,245
Non-interest income			
Fees and service charges	7,545	921	8,466
Net gains on sales of investments	14	9	23
Other income	1,475	1	1,476
Total non-interest income	9,034	931	9,965
Non-interest expense			
Employee compensation and benefits	8,882	984	9,866
Occupancy & equipment	2,039	398	2,437
Other expense	6,284	799	7,083
Minority interest	132	0	132
Total non-interest expense	17,337	2,181	19,518
Earnings before income taxes	13,023	669	13,692
Federal and state income tax expense	4,879	239	5,118
Net earnings	\$ 8,144	430	8,574
	======	=====	=====
Average common shares outstanding(1)	9,260	678	10,061
Basic net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 0.88	0.63	0.85
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 0.86	0.61	0.83

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends

PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 (Unaudited)

(amounts in thousands, except per share data)	Glacier	Mountain West	Glacier/Mountain West Pro forma Combined
Interest income	AE2 670	2 01 5	57.500
Loans Investments and interest bearing deposits	\$53,678 894	3,915 894 	57,593
Total interest income	53,678	4,808	58,486
Interest expense			
Deposits	14,710	1,802	16,512
Borrowings	8,840	63	8,903
Total interest expense	23,550	1,865	25,415
Net interest income	30,128	2,943	33,071
Provision for loan losses	1,532	202	1,734
Net interest income after provision for loan			
losses	28,596	2,741	31,337
Non-interest income			
Fees and service charges	10,209	1,384	11,593
Net gains on sales of investments	45	9	54
Other income	1,748	1	1,749
Total non-interest income	12,002	1,394	13,396
Non-interest expense			
Employee compensation and benefits	11,740	1,528	13,268
Occupancy & equipment	2,870	582	3,452
Other expense	8,530	1,196	9,726
Minority interest	145	0	145
Total non-interest expense	23,285	3,306	26,591
Earnings before income taxes	17,313	829	18,142
Federal and state income tax expense	6,398	300	6,698
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Net earnings	\$10,915	529	11,444
	======	====	=====
Average common shares outstanding(1)	9,304	685	10,112
Basic net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 1.17	0.77	1.14
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 1.15	0.74	1.11

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends

PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 (Unaudited)

(amounts in thousands, except per share data)	Glacier	Mountain West	Glacier/Mountain West Pro forma Combined
Interest income			
Loans	\$42,412 9,274	3,190 448	45,602 9,722
Total interest income	51,686	3,638	55,324
Interest expense			
Deposits	13,911	1,445	15,356
Borrowings	9,385	76	9,461
Total interest expense	23,296	1,521	24,817
Total interest expense	23,290	1,321	24,01/
Net interest income	28,390	2,117	30,507
Provision for loan losses	889	138	1,027
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	27,501	1,979	29,480
103363	27,301	1,919	29,400
Non-interest income			
Fees and service charges	8,922	842	9,764
Net gains on sales of investments	197	0	197
Other income	1,016	(5) 	1,011
Total non-interest income	10,135	837	10,972
Non-interest expense			
Employee compensation and benefits	11,233	1,015	12,248
Occupancy & equipment	2,482	610	3,092
Other expense	7,504	678	8,182
Minority interest	208	0	208
Total non-interest expense	21,427	2,303	23,730
Earnings before income taxes	16,209	513	16,722
Federal and state income tax expense	5,973	197	6,170
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	210 026	216	10 550
Net earnings	\$10 , 236	316 =====	10,552 =====
Average common shares outstanding(1)	9,144	551	9,795
Basic net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 1.13	0.57	1.09
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 1.11	0.56	1.07

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends

PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 (Unaudited)

(amounts in thousands, except per share data)	Glacier	Mountain West	Glacier/Mountain West Pro forma Combined
Interest income			
Loans Investments and interest bearing deposits	\$38,863 8,834	2,328 269	41,191 9,103
Total interest income	47,697	2,597	50,294
Interest expense			
Deposits	12,650	1,036	13,686
Borrowings	8 , 776	103	8 , 879
Total interest expense	21,426	1,139	22,565
Net interest income	26,271	1,458	27 , 729
Provision for loan losses	949	74	1,023
Net interest income after provision for loan			
losses	25,322	1,384	26,706
Non-interest income			
Fees and service charges	8,368	485	8,853
Net gains on sales of investments	102	9	111
Other income	1,355	1	1,356
Total non-interest income	9,825	495	10,320
Non-interest expense			
Employee compensation and benefits	10,279	773	11,052
Occupancy & equipment	2,161	281	2,442
Other expense	8,527	522	9,049
Minority interest	191	0	191
Total non-interest expense	21,158	1,577	22,735
Earnings before income taxes	13,989	302	14,291
Federal and state income tax expense	5,662	(65)	5,597
Net earnings	\$ 8,327	367	8,694
5	======	=====	=====
Average common shares outstanding(1)	8,924	551	9 , 575
Basic net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 0.94	0.67	0.91
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock(1)	\$ 0.92	0.66	0.91
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⁽¹⁾ Adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends

INFORMATION CONCERNING GLACIER

GENERAL

Glacier is a corporation organized under Delaware law, and a registered bank holding company. Glacier's principal office is located in Kalispell, Montana, and it presently has six bank subsidiaries. Glacier has long-standing roots in northwest Montana dating back to 1955, and owns:

- o all of the outstanding common stock of Glacier Bank, First Security Bank of Missoula, Valley Bank of Helena, and Big Sky Western Bank;
- o approximately 94% of the outstanding common stock of Glacier Bank of Whitefish; and
- o approximately 98% of the outstanding common stock of Glacier Bank of

Glacier offers a broad range of community banking services throughout its 26 banking offices located primarily in western Montana and Billings, Montana. The business of the Glacier subsidiary banks consists primarily of attracting deposit accounts from the general public and originating commercial, residential, and installment loans. The Glacier subsidiary banks' principal sources of income are interest on loans, loan origination fees, and interest and dividends on investment securities, while principal expenses consist of interest on savings deposits, FHLB advances, and repurchase agreements, as well as general and administrative expenses.

Glacier's expansion plans include internally-generated growth from strategically-located existing branches, some selected new branch expansion and expansion into other areas of Montana and Idaho. In addition to limited de novo branching, Glacier's management strategy has also been to pursue attractive alliance opportunities with other well-run community banks such as the proposed transaction with Mountain West Bank, as well as other financial service related companies. Glacier has continued to invest significantly in management and other resources to support its expansion.

Glacier was incorporated on March 24, 1998. It is the successor corporation of another company, also named "Glacier Bancorp, Inc." that was formed in 1990. That corporation is referred to in this discussion as "Original Glacier." Glacier merged with Original Glacier on July 8, 1998. In early 1998, Original Glacier discovered certain technical issues associated with its capital stock, including the existence of fewer authorized shares than Original Glacier had previously believed were available. Because these issues created uncertainty about the validity of certain outstanding shares of Original Glacier common stock, Original Glacier completed the merger with Glacier. This transaction was designed to cure the concerns regarding Original Glacier's common stock.

Historical information regarding Glacier in this prospectus/proxy statement that refers to a date prior to July 8, 1998, and information regarding Glacier that is incorporated by reference to certain filings with the SEC, as described in "INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE," is information regarding Original Glacier.

Financial and other information regarding Glacier, including information relating to Glacier's directors and executive officers, is set forth in the 1998 10-K, 1999 10-Qs, the 1999 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement and the Forms 8-K filed by Glacier (or Original Glacier) and incorporated by reference into this prospectus/proxy statement. See "INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" and "WHERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION."

YEAR 2000 ISSUES

The century date change for the year 2000 is a serious issue that may impact virtually every organization, including Glacier. Many software programs are not able to recognize the year 2000, since most programs and systems were designed to store calendar years in the 1900s by assuming the "19" and storing only the last two digits of the year. The problem is especially important to financial institutions since many transactions, such as interest accruals and payments, are date sensitive, and because Glacier and its subsidiary banks interact with numerous customers, vendors and third party service providers who must also address the year 2000 issue. The problem is not limited to computer systems. Year 2000 issues will also potentially affect every system that has an embedded microchip, such as automated teller machines, elevators and vaults.

Glacier's State of Readiness

Glacier and its subsidiary banks are committed to addressing these Year 2000 issues in a prompt and responsible manner, and they have dedicated the resources to do so. Management has completed an assessment of its automated systems and has implemented a program consistent with applicable regulatory guidelines, to complete all steps necessary to resolve identified issues. Glacier's compliance program has several phases, including (1) project management; (2) assessment; (3) testing; and (4) remediation and implementation.

Project Management. Glacier has formed a Year 2000 compliance committee consisting of senior management and departmental representatives. The committee has met regularly since October 1997. A Year 2000 compliance plan was developed and regular meetings have been held to discuss the process, assign tasks, determine priorities and monitor progress. The committee regularly reports to Glacier's Board.

Assessment. All of Glacier's and its subsidiary banks' computer equipment and mission-critical software programs have been identified. This phase is essentially complete. Glacier's primary software vendors were also assessed during this phase, and vendors who provide mission-critical software have been contacted. Glacier has obtained written certification from providers of material services that such providers are, or will be, Year 2000 compliant. Based upon its ongoing assessment of the readiness of its vendors, suppliers and service providers, Glacier has developed contingency plans addressing the most reasonably likely worst case scenarios. Glacier will continue to monitor and work with these vendors. Glacier has also identified, and are working with, the subsidiary banks' significant borrowers and funds providers to assess the extent to which they may be affected by Year 2000 issues.

 $\,$ Testing. Updating and testing of the Glacier's and its subsidiary banks' automated systems has been completed.

Estimated Costs to Address Glacier's Year 2000 Issues

The total financial effect that Year 2000 issues will have on Glacier cannot be predicted with any certainty at this time. In fact, in spite of all efforts being made to rectify these problems, the success of Glacier's efforts will not be known until the year 2000 actually arrives. However, based on its assessment to date, Glacier does not believe that expenses related to meeting Year 2000 challenges will have a material effect on the operations or consolidated financial condition of Glacier. Year 2000 challenges facing vendors of mission-critical software and systems, and facing Glacier's customers, could have a material effect on the operations or consolidated financial condition of Glacier, to the extent such parties are materially affected by such challenges.

Risks Related to Year 2000 Issues

The year 2000 poses certain risks to Glacier and its subsidiary banks and their operations. Some of these risks are present because Glacier purchases technology and information systems applications from other parties

who face Year 2000 challenges. Other risks are inherent in the business of banking or are risks faced by many companies. Although it is impossible to identify all possible risks that Glacier may face moving into the millennium, management has identified the following significant potential risks:

Commercial banks may experience a contraction in their deposit base, if a significant amount of deposited funds are withdrawn by customers prior to the year 2000, and interest rates may increase as the millennium approaches. This potential deposit contraction could make it necessary for Glacier to change its sources of funding and could impact future earnings. Glacier established a contingency plan for addressing this situation, should it arise, into its asset and liability management policies. The plan includes maintaining the ability to borrow funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Significant demand for funds from other banks could reduce the amount of funds available for Glacier to borrow. If insufficient funds are available from these sources, Glacier may also sell investment securities or other liquid assets to meet liquidity needs.

Glacier lends significant amounts to businesses in its marketing area. If these businesses are adversely affected by Year 2000 problems, their ability to repay loans could be impaired. This increased credit risk could adversely affect Glacier's financial performance. During the assessment phase of Glacier's Year 2000 program, each of Glacier's subsidiary banks' substantial borrowers were identified, and Glacier is working with such borrowers to ascertain their levels of exposure to Year 2000 problems. To the extent that Glacier is unable to assure itself of the Year 2000 readiness of such borrowers, it intends to apply additional risk assessment criteria to the indebtedness of such borrowers and make any necessary related adjustments to Glacier's provision for loan losses.

Glacier and its subsidiary banks, like those of many other companies, can be adversely affected by the Year 2000 triggered failures of other companies upon whom Glacier and its subsidiary banks depend for the functioning of their automated systems. Accordingly, Glacier's and its subsidiary banks' operations could be materially affected, if the operations of mission-critical third party service providers are adversely affected. As described above, Glacier has identified its mission-critical vendors and is monitoring their Year 2000 compliance programs.

Glacier's Contingency Plans

Glacier has developed specific contingency plans related to Year 2000 issues. As Glacier and its subsidiary banks continue to monitor the readiness of vendors, service providers and substantial borrowers, appropriate contingency plans have been developed that address the most reasonably likely "worst case" scenarios. Certain circumstances, as described above in "Risks," may occur for which there are no completely satisfactory contingency plans.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

The discussion above regarding to the century date change for the year 2000 includes certain "forward looking statements" concerning the future operations of Glacier. Glacier desires to take advantage of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 as they apply to forward looking statements. This statement is for the express purpose of availing Glacier of the protections of such safe harbor with respect to all "forward looking statements." Management's ability to predict results of the effect of future plans is inherently uncertain, and is subject to factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Factors that could affect the actual results include Glacier's success in identifying systems and programs that are not Year 2000 compliant; the possibility that systems modifications will not operate as intended; unexpected costs associated with remediation, including labor and consulting costs; the nature and amount of programming required

to upgrade or replace the affected systems; the uncertainty associated with the impact of the century change on Glacier's customers, vendors and third-party service providers; and the economy generally.

INFORMATION CONCERNING MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

BUSINESS

Mountain West Bank was organized on September 1, 1993 as a federal savings bank and converted to an Idaho state chartered bank on June 30, 1999. Mountain West Bank engages in commercial banking activities from its main office located in the community of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and branch facilities located in Post Falls, Hayden and Boise, Idaho. The bank was organized to address a perceived need for the services of a local community bank with commitment to personalized service. Mountain West Bank offers commercial banking services, primarily to small and medium-sized businesses, professionals, and retail customers, including commercial loans, consumer installments loans, residential and commercial real estate and construction loans, certificates of deposit, and checking and savings accounts.

Mountain West Bank's deposit accounts are insured by the FDIC. As of March 31, 1999, Mountain West Bank had deposits of approximately \$71 million and total assets of approximately \$81 million. As of September 30, 1999, Mountain West Bank had approximately \$74 million in deposits and approximately \$83 million in total assets.

Mountain West Bank is an independent bank owned by approximately 320 stockholders, primarily individuals, who are residents of the Coeur d'Alene community or have some association with the area. Mountain West Bank has no bank or non-bank subsidiaries.

A substantial portion of Mountain West Bank's current management has been with the bank since its inception in 1993. Mountain West Bank has established a strong presence in commercial and residential real estate, small business, and installment loan markets in its area.

COMPETITION

Competition in the banking industry is significant and has intensified with interest rate deregulation. Furthermore, competition from outside the traditional banking system from investment banking firms, insurance companies, credit unions, and related industries offering bank-like products has intensified the competition for deposits and loans.

Mountain West Bank's traditional competition for deposits comes from commercial banks. The few established credit unions collectively hold a minor share of the deposit and loan market. Mountain West Bank competes for deposits by offering a variety of deposit accounts at rates generally competitive with similar financial institutions in the area.

In competing for deposits, Mountain West Bank is subject to certain regulations not applicable to non-bank competitors. Legislation enacted in the 1980s authorized banks to offer deposit instruments with rates competitive with money market funds, but subject to restrictions not applicable to those funds. Legislation has also made non-bank financial institutions more effective competitors. Savings and loan associations and credit unions are now permitted to offer checking accounts and to make commercial loans with certain limitations.

Mountain West Bank's competition for loans comes primarily from the same financial institutions with which Mountain West Bank competes for deposits. Mountain West Bank competes for loan originations primarily through the level of interest rates and loan fees charged, the variety of commercial and mortgage loan

products offered, and the efficiency and quality of services provided to borrowers. Factors which affect loan competition include the availability of lendable funds, local and national economic conditions, current interest rate levels, and loan demand. Mountain West Bank engages in loan origination for residential loans which are sold to traditional secondary market investors which generates fee income while preserving liquidity.

The offices of the larger banks have competitive advantages over Mountain West Bank in that they have a stronger presence and are able to maintain advertising and marketing activity on a much larger scale than Mountain West Bank can economically maintain. Because single borrower lending limits imposed by law are tied to the institution's capital, the branches or offices of larger institutions with substantial capital bases are also at an advantage with respect to loan applications for amounts in excess of Mountain West Bank's legal lending limit. This advantage has been mitigated somewhat by Mountain West Bank's network of over-line participants.

FACILITIES

The principal offices of Mountain West Bank are located at the bank's main office at 125 Ironwood Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. The Coeur d'Alene location houses employee offices, a lobby with five teller stations, a two-lane drive-up window, and an ATM. Mountain West Bank operates three branches located in Post Falls, Hayden and Boise, Idaho. The Post Falls and Hayden facilities are full service branches with teller stations, drive-up lanes, and a drive-up ATM. The Boise branch is operating in a temporary facility which does not have a drive-up window or ATM. Residential lending centers are located on the lower level of the Coeur d'Alene location and in the Boise office. Administrative offices are located in leased space in a building adjacent to the Coeur d'Alene main office.

COMPENSATION INFORMATION

In the merger agreement, Glacier agrees that it will use its best efforts to nominate and recommend the election of Mr. Jon Hippler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mountain West Bank, to Glacier's board of directors following the merger. See "THE MERGER--Interests of Certain Persons in the Merger." Mr. Hippler's annual compensation during fiscal year 1997 was \$79,107 salary, a bonus of \$12,000, and other annual compensation of \$15,946 (includes medical insurance premiums and personal use of the company automobile.) In fiscal year 1998, Mr. Hippler's salary was \$93,556, his bonus was \$20,000 and he received \$11,472 in other annual compensation. In fiscal year 1999, Mr. Hippler's salary was \$111,056, his bonus was \$15,000, and he received \$15,946 in other annual compensation.

EMPLOYEES

As of September 30, 1999, Mountain West Bank had 73 full-time-equivalent (67 full-time and 10 part-time) employees.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Mountain West Bank is from time to time a party to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of the bank's business. Management believes that there is no threatened or pending proceedings against Mountain West Bank which, if determined adversely would have a material effect on its business or financial position.

SECURITIES OWNERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT AND CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of Mountain West Bank common stock as of October 30, 1999 by (i) each person known to Mountain West Bank to own beneficially more than 5 percent of Mountain West Bank common stock; (ii) each current director and certain executive officers of Mountain West Bank; and (iii) all executive officers and directors of Mountain West Bank as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, each of the persons named below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the Mountain West Bank common stock owned by them. Each of the following persons may be reached at the main office location of Mountain West Bank.

BENEFICIAL OWNER	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	PERCENTAGE OF CLASS
Jon W. Hippler, Director, President		
& CEO	31,605(1)	3.81%
David Chapman, Director	17,358(2)	2.09%
Bradley Dugdale, Director	11,349(3)	1.37%
Marilyn Montgomery, Director	13,549(4)	1.63%
James M. English, Director	6,046(5)	.73%
Stephen F. Meyer, Director	22,349(6)	2.69%
Charles R. Nipp, Director	14,829(7)	1.79%
Doug Parker, Director	16,849(8)	2.03%
J. Michael Patano, Director	15,162(9)	1.83%
Thomas K. Thilo, Director	15,788(10)	1.90%
Diane E. Reed, Senior Vice President,		
Residential Real Estate Manager	7,160(11)	.86%
All Executive Officers & Directors as a		
group	202,406	24.37%

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- (1) Includes 9,520 shares held directly, 730 shares owned by Mr. Hippler's children, and 21,355 shares subject to stock options.
- (2) Includes 12,452 shares held directly, 877 shares owned by Mr. Chapman's children, and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (3) Includes 7,320 shares held directly and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (4) Includes 9,520 shares held directly and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (5) Includes 2,381 shares held directly and 3,665 shares subject to stock options.
- (6) Includes 18,320 shares held directly and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (7) Includes 10,070 shares held directly, 730 shares owned by Mr. Nipp's children, and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (8) Includes 12,820 shares held directly, and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (9) Includes 10,402 shares held directly, 731 shares owned by Mr. Patano's children, and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (10) Includes 11,759 shares held directly and 4,029 shares subject to stock options.
- (11) Includes 7,160 shares subject to stock options.

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK'S MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

Typically new branches incur substantial initial expenses, and net interest revenue builds over a period of time. The financial impact of the branches in Hayden, Post Falls, and Boise will be to incur more operating costs than revenue, until the new branches are able to accumulate substantial loan and deposit totals for the Bank. Consequently, the financial statements are not necessarily indicative of future financial condition or operating results. The revenues of the Bank are derived primarily from interest earned on loans and investments and from fees, service charges, and gains on the sale of loans. The operations of the Bank, and financial institutions generally, are influenced significantly by general economic conditions and by policies of its current primary regulators, the FDIC and the Idaho Department of Finance.

This discussion contains some forward-looking statements. A forward-looking statement may contain words such as "will continue to be," "will be," "continue to," "expect to," "anticipates that," "to be," or "can impact." Management cautions that forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the Bank's actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE THREE MONTHS AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30,

FINANCIAL CONDITION-CASH FLOW ACTIVITIES. In the three months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, the Bank disbursed for loans of all types \$16,004,000 and \$21,068,000, respectively. During the same periods, sales of loans amounted to \$8,164,000 and \$13,699,000, respectively, and principal payoffs and collections on loans accumulated to \$7,627,000 and \$2,535,000, respectively. The result of this activity was an increase in total loans receivable, including loans held for sale, for the period in 1999 of about \$171,000, and \$4,834,000 in 1998. During the period in 1999 interest rates were increasing, which reduced the volume of refinancing loans and related sales compared to the same period in 1998, when interest rates were decreasing.

In the three months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, deposits increased \$5,108,000 and \$3,208,000, respectively. The second quarter of the fiscal year is historically a season of growth in deposits, though some is temporary, caused by an increase in seasonal balances of larger commercial customers of the Bank.

In the three month period in 1999 the excess of deposit growth over loan growth of \$4,937,000 was used to purchase investments, reduce borrowing, and increase interest bearing cash equivalent balances. In the same period in 1998, the excess of loan growth over deposit growth of \$1,626,000 was primarily funded by reducing cash equivalent balances, which were also used to reduce borrowing and to increase investments.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. The Bank earned net income after income taxes of \$103,000, or \$.14 per basic share, or \$.14 per diluted share, for the quarter year ended September 30, 1999, compared to net income after income taxes of \$100,000, or \$.14 per basic share, or \$.14 per diluted share, for the same quarter year in 1998. For the six months ended September 30, 1999, the Bank earned net income after income taxes of \$188,000, or \$.26 per basic share, or \$.25 per diluted share, compared to net income after income taxes of \$286,000, or \$.41 per basic share, or \$.39 per diluted share, for the same period in 1998.

The return on average assets for the quarter year and half year ended September 30, 1999, was .51% and .44%, compared to .56% and .83% for the same periods in the prior year. The return on average stockholders' equity was 6.40% and 5.84% for the quarter year and half year periods in 1999, compared to 6.54% and 9.50% for the same periods in 1998.

Noninterest expenses were substantially higher in 1999 than in 1998, primarily because of deposit growth within existing facilities, the new branch in Boise, and upgraded computer and check-processing systems. The new branch and technology investments are expected to improve the profitability of the Bank in future years, assuming that anticipated growth in loans and deposits is achieved.

NET INTEREST INCOME. The most significant component of earnings is net interest income, defined as the difference between interest income on earning assets, principally loans and investments, and interest expense on interest bearing liabilities, principally customer deposits and borrowings. Changes in net interest income result from changes in the volume, or dollar levels, of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and from changes in the interest rate spread. Interest rate spread is the difference between the average yield on earning assets and the average cost on interest bearing liabilities.

Before provisions for loan losses, the Bank reported net interest income of \$1,003,000 and \$758,000 for the quarters ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively, and reported net interest income of \$1,918,000 and \$1,454,000 for the six months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998. The net interest margin, defined as net interest income divided by average earning assets, was 5.36% for the quarter in 1999 and 4.78% in 1998. For the six months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, the net interest margins were 5.33% and 4.84%

Interest Income. Interest income increased \$252,000 and \$495,000, or about 20%, in the three months and six months ended September 30, 1999, compared to the equivalent periods in the prior fiscal year. Average earnings also increased approximately 20%. The average yield on earning assets at the end of the periods in 1999 was 7.85%, compared to 7.89% at the end of the periods in 1998.

Interest Expense. Interest expense increased \$7,000 and \$31,000, or 1% and 3%, in the three and six months ended September 30, 1999, compared to the equivalent period in the prior fiscal year. Though average deposits increased approximately 18% from September 30, 1998, to September 30, 1999, the mix of deposits in 1999 continued to favor lower rate savings and checking products, contributing to a decline in the average cost of funds from 3.05% in September 1998 to 2.62% in September 1999. This had a positive effect on the net interest margin.

RISK ELEMENTS-LOANS. The accrual of interest and amortization of net deferred loan fees generally will cease on any loan when either principal or interest becomes 90 days past due. Loans may be placed in nonaccrual status earlier if, in management's judgment, the loan may be uncollectible. The following table summarizes the principal balances of nonperforming assets, net of a specific allowance for loan loss of \$50,000 at September 30, 1999.

	SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	SEPTEMBER 30, 1998
Nonaccrual loans and loans overdue 90 days or		
more	\$53 , 000	\$0
Restructured loans	\$217,000	\$59,000
Total nonperforming loans	\$270,000	\$59,000
Real estate owned	0	\$107,000
Total nonperforming assets	\$270,000	\$166,000
Ratio of nonperforming loans to total loans	.50%	.12%
Ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets	.33%	.23%

For loans on nonaccrual status at September 30, 1999, additional gross interest income of \$2,200\$ and <math>\$3,300\$, respectively, would have been recorded during the three months and six months ended September 30, 1999, if such loans had been current in accordance with the original contractual terms. Interest income of nil and \$1,200\$ was recorded during the periods cited in connection with such loans.

A provision for loan losses, when determined necessary, is charged to operations based on management's evaluation of the probable losses that may occur in its loan portfolio. An evaluation of impaired loans, which may not be fully collectible, is based on the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or the estimated fair value, net of selling costs, of the underlying collateral. The Bank also provides for probable loan losses on loans that are currently performing based on historical and peer group loss experiences on various types of loans. These estimates can be affected by changes in the economic environment in Kootenai and Ada Counties, Idaho, and the resultant effect on real estate values. As a result of changing economic conditions, it is reasonably possible that the amount of the allowance for loan losses could change.

Mountain West Bank recorded provisions for loan losses of \$60,000 and \$49,000, respectively, for the quarters ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, and \$120,000 and \$107,000 for the six months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998. In the quarter ended September 30, 1999, \$50,000 of the provision for loan losses was used to establish a specific allowance for loan loss on a loan that was subsequently charged off in October 1999. Chargeoffs from the allowances for loan losses were nil and \$2,000 for the three and six month periods ended September 30, 1999, compared to \$36,000 and \$42,000 for the comparable periods in 1998.

The following table sets forth the allowances for loan losses by loan category, based upon management's assessment of the risk associated with such categories, at the dates indicated, and summarizes the percentage of gross loans in each category to total gross loans.

SEPTEMBER 30.

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	199	9	199	8
	AMOUNT	LOANS IN CATEGORY AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LOANS	AMOUNT	LOANS IN CATEGORY AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LOANS
Classification:				
Mortgage	\$100,000	36.75%	\$ 99,000	43.04%
Construction	32,000	9.03	9,000	6.51
Commercial	338,000	33.89	230,000	29.79
Consumer	133,000	20.33	102,000	20.66
	\$603,000	100.00%	\$440,000	100.00%
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OTHER INCOME. The largest component of other income is the net gain on the sale of loans, which includes the recognition of net loan fees previously deferred and includes the premiums paid or the discounts deducted by the investor. If loans are sold with servicing released, then the payments for the value of future servicing are also included. In the three months and six months ended September 30, 1999, the Bank recorded \$84,000 and \$295,000 in net gains on the sale of loans, compared to \$174,000 and \$373,000, respectively, for the equivalent periods in the prior fiscal year. Though the volume of total residential lending and total SBA-guaranteed commercial lending was comparable in each period, in 1999 more of the lending was in portfolio loans and construction loans, and less in loans held for sale.

Fees and charges included loan servicing fees, fees and service charges on deposits and various bank services, which have all increased as the size of the Bank has increased. In addition, the Bank has emphasized growth in basic checking accounts that carry lower balances, but do not receive interest. Besides adding to the Bank's service charge and fee income, the emphasis on noninterest checking accounts has also aided in increasing net interest margin, as noted above under the heading "Net Interest Income." However, it has also increased the frequency of overdrafts in checking accounts, resulting in an increase in operations losses. Correspondent bank charges and the cost of data processing are also increased by accounts characterized by a high volume of transactions relative to the size of the accounts. Over all management believes that the growth of noninterest checking accounts is beneficial to the Bank, now and in the future.

Other income in September 1999 included \$65,000 as an adjustment to the valuation allowance for mortgage servicing rights. Increasing interest rates in the market for residential real estate loans increased the value of loan servicing held by the Bank.

OTHER EXPENSE. The Bank reported noninterest operating expenses of \$1,177,000 and \$2,359,000 for the three and six months ended September 30, 1999, compared to \$880,000 and \$1,548,000 for the three and six months ended September 30, 1998.

Reasons for the increase include additional costs in compensation, data processing, supplies and other categories to handle the increased volume of transactions related to the increase in numbers and dollars of deposit totals.

In addition the Bank has projects in progress that are adding to the expense totals. One is a continuing marketing program, which started in July 1998, to attract consumer checking accounts. This program was developed by a marketing consulting firm, which has used the same approach successfully with many other financial institutions across the nation. Another project is the new branch in Boise, opened in October 1998. In the last six months, payroll and other expenses for operating the new branch reached a total of approximately \$420,000.

The results for the periods ended September 30, 1999, do not include costs and expenses incurred by the Bank or owed or paid by Mountain West Bank to third parties in connection with the preparation, negotiation and execution of the Merger Agreement. Management anticipates that such transaction fees, expected to be \$60,000 or less, will be recorded as expenses in the month that the transaction is closed or the agreement terminated.

LIQUIDITY AND SOURCES OF FUNDS. The primary sources of cash for the Bank are customer deposits, loan sales, and advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (FHLB). The Bank uses cash to fund loans, purchase investments, and continue operations. A summary of activity for the three months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, is provided above under the heading of "Financial Condition." Item 1, Statements of Cash Flow for the six months ended September 30, 1999, and 1998, provide similar information.

It is the policy of the Bank to rely on core deposits, in contrast to volatile deposits, which are those with negotiated rates, or wholesale deposits, which are obtained through the assistance of third parties. The ratio of volatile deposits to total deposits at September 30, 1999, was 10.31% compared to 14.20% at September 30, 1998. The amount of wholesale deposits held by the Bank was negligible on both dates.

The Bank has a total credit line with the FHLB, equal to 20% of the Bank's total assets. At September 30, 1999, there were no outstanding advances. At September 30, 1998, the total of outstanding advances was \$1,000,000, which had a weighted average maturity of 14 months and a weighted average interest rate of 6.25%. The unused portion of the credit line as of September 30, 1999, was approximately \$16,000,000.

EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICE PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT. The Bank disbursed \$60,000 and \$241,000 for office properties and equipment during the three months ended September 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively, and disbursed \$122,000 and \$280,000 for the six month periods ending on the same dates. In the second quarter of fiscal 1998 the Bank was upgrading equipment and software in preparation for the conversion of the data processing system to a different service bureau.

ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT. Asset and liability management is principally about controlling interest rate risk, defined as the sensitivity of a bank's earnings and net asset value to changes in interest rates. The Board of Directors has adopted a policy to maintain Bank earnings and net asset value within self-imposed parameters over a range of possible interest rate environments. Prior to June 30, 1999, management tracked the success of this policy by using analysis reports available from the Office of Thrift Supervision, based on data supplied by the Bank on a regular quarterly basis to the OTS. The reports from the OTS provided results that were within the Bank's self-imposed parameters. Going forward as a commercial bank, the Bank expects to use the same consultants used by Glacier if the Merger Agreement is approved. If the Merger Agreement is not approved, then management expects to acquire software to measure compliance to Bank policy and to use as a tool in making decisions that affect interest rate risk.

CAPITAL RESOURCES. At September 30 and March 31, 1999, the Bank had total stockholders' equity of \$6,525,000 and \$6,336,000, respectively, with corresponding ratios of equity to total assets of 7.87% and 7.84%, respectively. Management believes that the Bank has sufficient capital to support expected growth in existing facilities, including the Boise branch, for at least the next twelve months. Additional capital may be required if the Bank adds additional facilities or grows more rapidly than expected. The evaluation of the adequacy of capital is an ongoing process.

The Bank is in compliance with all applicable regulatory capital requirements.

YEAR 2000 ISSUES. The "Year 2000 problem" arose because many existing computer programs use only the last two digits to refer to a new year. Therefore the computer, or a device with a computer chip in it, must properly interpret the century related to a date entry. If the wrong logic is used, the computer could fail or provide erroneous results.

The Bank utilizes and is dependent upon data processing systems and software to conduct its business. The data processing systems and software include those developed and maintained by the Bank's third party data processing vendor and purchased software which is run on in-house computer networks. The Bank also relies upon other banking organizations and vendors to process checks and electronic transactions. The term information technology ("IT") is sometimes used to describe those systems. As with any business, the Bank also depends on other businesses to provide products and services, such as security, heating, telephone and electricity. These non-IT systems may have embedded technology such as microcontrollers, which may be affected by Year 2000 problems.

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The State of Readiness. The Bank has divided the work of preparing for Year 2000 into phases, and further subdivided the phases into specific tasks to complete. A Senior Management Committee consisting of the President, the VP Operations, the SVP/Chief Financial Officer, and the Systems Manager, direct the Bank's Year 2000 compliance efforts. A Steering Committee comprised of members of the Board of Directors reviews management efforts and reports to the Board of Directors as necessary. The following table summarizes the phases and the dates of completion.

PROJECT PHASE	% COMPLETED	TIMETABLE TO COMPLETE
Awareness	100	October 31, 1998
Assessment	100	October 31, 1998
Renovation	100	October 31, 1998
Validation	100	March 31, 1999
Implementation	100	June 30, 1999
Overall	100	June 30, 1999

The Bank has now completed all phases. However, management intends to continue monitoring Year 2000 readiness and to improve contingency plans.

The Awareness Phase consisted primarily of identifying key systems and relationships and of establishing a project team to analyze risks and to keep staff and customers informed about the issues. The initial effort in this Phase is complete, but this type of work is ongoing.

The Assessment Phase consisted of a detailed review of hardware, software, and other equipment that use embedded technology, both IT and non-IT systems. The tasks included: (1) obtaining progress statements from manufacturers and vendors, (2) establishing a budget for remediation, and (3) establishing a plan to test the solutions of the more important systems and interfaces between systems. Though this Phase is considered complete, the Bank expects to continue to monitor the progress of vendors.

In the Renovation Phase, the Bank used the information from the Assessment Phase to determine whether corrective action was necessary or whether contingency plans needed to be established.

Validation included testing of the more important systems, interfaces, and contingency plans. In the Implementation Phase the Bank concluded that all vendor solutions to the Year 2000 were in use by the users of the systems and found to be acceptable.

Estimated Costs. The following table sets forth the Bank's estimated costs for the Year 2000 Project and actual disbursements assigned to the Project as of October 22, 1999. The disbursements do not include the hours devoted to the Project by Bank staff. However, the Bank engaged temporary help to assist with the Project and to do normal tasks displaced by the Project. Approximately \$39,000 of the amounts indicated as actual disbursements were classified as expenses in the prior fiscal year. The estimates provided are subject to revision.

DESCRIPTION	\$ ESTIMATE	\$ TO-DATE ACTUAL
Software Upgrades	12,000	12,500
Consultants	9,000	8,800
Legal	2,000	800
Communications with customers	5,000	3,000
Temporary staffing	13,000	11,000
Board Steering Committee fees	3,000	3,200
Totals	44,000	39,300

The Risks of the Company's Year 2000 Issues. While there can be no assurances, the results of the Bank's assessment of information gathered so far indicate that all systems and interfaces with systems, whether traditionally classified under the heading of information technology or not, are anticipated to be operational. Consequently, as of September 30, 1999, the Bank is preparing primarily for these risks: (1) localized failure for temporary periods of utilities, transportation, or communications, (2) temporary failure, in whole or in part, of the Bank's primary data processing vendor, and (3) liquidity problems, caused by large cash withdrawals or by reductions in balances on deposit. The Bank has developed contingency plans to address each of the named risks, even though the probability of failure seems very low at this point for the first two. The risk of liquidity problems is partially affected by the public's perception of whether there are going to be disruptions caused by the date change. Therefore the Bank has arranged for alternative sources of cash and funds to replace possible withdrawals.

Contingency Plans. The Bank has identified minimum acceptable levels of service for its core business activities, and has agreed on strategies to maintain services during disasters of the type described in the "Risks" paragraph. The staff of the Bank has tested detailed contingency plans believed adequate to implement the strategies. While management believes that the Bank has developed effective contingency plans to address most reasonably likely worst case Year 2000 scenarios, there can be no assurance that the contingency plans will be effective, or that the real risks will be correctly identified.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998

FINANCIAL CONDITION-CASH FLOW ACTIVITY. In the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, the Bank originated or brokered to other financial institutions \$111,277,000 and \$72,361,000, respectively, for loans of all types, with the increase primarily attributable to refinancing of residential real estate loans and to the addition of the Boise branch. Because construction loans and lines of credit are often not fully utilized, actual disbursements for loans of all types were \$78,619,000 and \$60,052,000, respectively. During the same periods, sales of loans and participations amounted to \$58,210,000 and \$38,535,000, respectively, and principal payoffs and collections on loans accumulated to \$8,329,000 and \$13,493,000, respectively. The result of this activity was an increase in total loans receivable, including loans held for sale, for the period in 1999 of \$13,418,000, and \$8,385,000 in 1998.

In the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, deposits increased \$12,918,000 and \$19,918,000, respectively. Management believes that the increase in deposits between years is attributable to the favorable market for community banks and to the opening of the Boise branch.

The Bank spent \$832,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, for leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, and software, including \$326,000 to establish the Boise branch in a rented modular facility on leased land. Disbursements also included \$441,000 to equip and furnish an additional 2,900 square feet of rented office space at the headquarters location, including an operations center. The operations center converted the computer system to a new data processing center during the year, and established a proof of deposit operation to more efficiently handle the growing volume of deposit items. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, the Bank disbursed \$167,000 for equipment, furniture, and software at all branches.

Management anticipates that disbursements for capital assets in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, are expected to range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, depending on whether the Bank decides to open a new location.

AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information with regard to average balances of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the total dollar amounts of interest income from interest-earning assets and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, resultant yields or costs, net interest income, net interest spread, and net interest margin. The method of calculation of average balances would include nonaccrual loans, if any.

FISCAL YEARS ENDED MARCH 31,

	1999				1998	
	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST EARNED OR PAID	AVERAGE YIELD OR COST(1)	AVERAGE BALANCE	INTEREST EARNED OR PAID	AVERAGE YIELD OR COST(1)
Interest-earning assets: Loans Investments and cash	\$48,231,282	\$ 4,123,796	8.55%	\$38,096,492	\$ 3,376,508	8.86%
equivalents	16,957,482	983 , 507	5.80	9,194,934	549,801	5.98
Total interest-earning assets	\$65,188,764 =======	\$ 5,107,303	7.83%	\$47,291,426 ======	\$ 3,926,309	8.30%
<pre>Interest-bearing liabilities: Certificates of deposit Deposit accounts(3)</pre>	17,795,943 45,613,544	893,156 964,457	5.02 2.11	14,999,586 31,711,682	807,934 749,035	5.39
Total deposit accounts	63,409,487	1,857,613	2.93	46,711,268	1,556,969	3.33
FHLB Seattle advances	1,000,000	62,626	6.26	1,156,556	72,095 	6.23
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$64,409,487	\$ 1,920,239 ======	2.98%	\$47,867,824 ======	\$ 1,629,064 ======	3.40%
Net interest income		\$ 3,187,064 =======			\$ 2,297,245 =======	
Net interest spread			4.85% ====			4.90% ====
Net interest margin			4.89%			4.86%
Return on assets (net income divided by average total assets)			. 62% ===			.93% ===
Return on equity (net income divided by average equity)			7.49% ====			12.89%
Dividend payment ratio(2)			0.00%			0.00%
Equity to assets ratio (average equity dividend by avg. total assets)			8.28% ====			7.18%

⁽¹⁾ The yield information for the available-for-sale portfolio does not give effect to changes in fair value that are reflected as a component of Shareholders' equity.

- (2) Defined as dividends declared per share divided by net income per share. No cash dividends were paid during the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998.
- (3) Deposits include non-interest-bearing checking accounts.

INVESTMENTS AND MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES. Mountain West Bank invests primarily in mortgage-backed securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and the Government National Mortgage Association, U.S. agency obligations and stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle ("FHLB"). Such investments provide the Bank with liquidity, a source of interest income and collateral which can be used to secure borrowings. Since its inception, the Bank has invested in investment-grade securities; it does not invest in high-yield, below investment-grade securities.

The following table provides the amortized cost, maturities and weighted-average yields of the Bank's portfolio at March 31, 1999.

	MATURITY				
	LESS THAN ONE YEAR	ONE TO FIVE YEARS	FIVE TO TEN YEARS	OVER TEN YEARS	TOTAL
Available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agency obligations:					
Balance	\$ 0	\$1,500,000	\$3,988,670	\$ 393,563	\$5,882,233
Weighted-average yield Mortgage-backed securities:	0.00%	5.63%	6.37%	5.50%	6.12%
Balance	0	1,766,894	1,610,565	3,582,777	6,960,236
Weighted-average yield	0.00%	5.85%	5.78%	6.35%	6.09%
Held-to-maturity:					
U.S. government and agency obligations:					
Balance	0	499,835	0	0	499,835
Weighted-average yield	0.00%	6.51%	0.00%	0.00%	6.51%
Mortgage-backed securities:					
Balance	0	0	0	279 , 597	279,597
Weighted-average yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	6.65%	6.65%
Restricted: FHLB stock:					
Balance	0	0	0	604,600	604,600
Weighted-average yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.50%	7.50%
Total carrying value	\$ 0	\$3,766,729	\$5 , 599 , 235	\$4,860,537	\$14,266,501
	====	=======	=======	=======	=======
Total average yield	0.00%	5.85% ======	6.20% ======	6.44%	6.19%

NOTE: Mortgage-backed securities and U.S. government and agency securities are classified in periods according to contractual maturities. The weighted-average yield for FHLB stock is based upon dividends received for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999. There were no reportable investments that exceeded 10% of stockholders' equity as of March 31, 1999.

LENDING ACTIVITIES. The Bank focuses on small commercial loans and loans to consumers with a particular concentration on making loans secured by residential real estate. Management has developed policies and procedures that will enable the Bank to generate the volume of loans necessary to meet its business objectives. Such policies and procedures also help the Bank maintain asset quality standards. Note 2 to the Financial Statements provides the components of loans receivable for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998. The following table sets forth information on loan origination, purchase and sale activities for the periods indicated. Loan originations do not include loan applications that are processed by the Bank, but referred to an investor before closing, which amounted to \$2,454,200 and \$1,744,000 for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Dollars in the table are in thousands.

	FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1999		FISCAL YE MARCH 31	EAR ENDED 1, 1998
	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%
Mortgagepermanent:				
1-4 family residential	\$ 59,752	54.91	\$45,308	64.16
Multifamily residential	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial & Land	6,914	6.35	2,393	3.39
Mortgageconstruction:				
1-4 family residential	16,066	14.76	11,377	16.11
Multifamily residential	0	0.00	0	0.00
Commercial	0	0.00	2,537	3.59
Non-mortgage:				
Consumer	3,434	3.16	2,373	3.36
Business	22,657	20.82	6,628	9.39
Total loans originated	\$108,823	100.00	\$70,616	100.00
Loans purchased	431		0	
Loans sold	\$ 57,313		\$38,073	

LOAN PORTFOLIO. The following table sets forth the composition of Mountain West Bank's loan portfolio, not including loans held for sale, by type of loan for the dates indicated:

MARCH 31,

	199	9	199	1998		
	3,713,805 21,490,643 9,186,144 1	%	AMOUNT	웅		
Mortgage	\$16,406,182	32.30	\$18,735,599	49.02		
Construction	3,713,805	7.31	2,329,876	6.10		
Commercial	21,490,643	42.31	9,293,872	24.32		
Consumer	9,186,144 18.08		7,862,804	20.56		
Total loans receivable	50,796,774	100.00	38,222,151	100.00		
		=====		=====		
Deferred loan fees, net	(63,657)		(23,946)			
Allowance for loss	, , ,		(375,000)			
Loans receivable, net	\$50,198,117		\$37,823,205			
	========		========			

MATURITY OF LOANS. The following table stratifies the Bank's loan portfolio at March 31, 1999, by stated maturity.

	BALANCE OUTSTANDING MAR. 31, 1999	MATURING IN 2000	FISCAL YEARS ENDED	MARCH 31, THEREAFTER
Mortgage	\$16,406,182	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$16,406,182
Construction	3,713,805	3,637,326	76,479	0
Commercial	21,490,643	6,942,344	11,363,119	3,185,180
Consumer	9,186,144	565,445	2,860,372	5,760,327
Total loans receivable	\$50,796,774	\$11,145,115	\$14,299,970	\$25,351,689
Loans at adjustable rates	\$27,416,465	\$ 6,629,261	\$ 7,904,857	\$12,882,347
Loans at fixed rates	23,380,309	4,515,854	6,395,113	12,469,342
Total loans receivable	\$50,796,774 =======	\$11,145,115	\$14,299,970 ======	\$25,351,689

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS. The Bank recorded net income of \$460,000, \$.65 per basic share, or \$.62 per diluted share for the year ended March 31, 1999, compared to the prior year net income of \$501,000, \$.88 per basic share, or \$.86 per diluted share. The return on average assets for fiscal 1999 was .61%, compared to .93% for fiscal 1998. The return on shareholders' equity was 7.36% for fiscal 1999, compared to 12.89% for fiscal 1998. In fiscal 1999 the net expense of opening and operating the new branch in Boise was the major reason for the difference in performance, though contributing factors were the expense of a new marketing program to attract personal checking accounts and the expense of converting the Bank to the proof of deposit method of handling deposits. Management estimates that, without the costs of these business development projects, net income would have been about \$775,000, or \$1.10 per basic share, an increase of approximately 25% over the results for the prior year.

NET INTEREST INCOME.

Overview. The most significant component of earnings is net interest income, defined as the difference between interest income on earning assets, principally loans and investments, and interest expense on interest bearing liabilities, principally customer deposits and Bank borrowing. Changes in net interest income result from changes in the volume, or dollar levels, of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities and from changes in the interest rate spread. Interest rate spread is the difference between the average yield on earning assets and the average cost on interest bearing liabilities.

Before provisions for loan losses, the Bank reported net interest income of \$3,187,000 and \$2,297,000 for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The increase is directly attributable to an increase in net earning assets. The net interest margin, defined as net interest income divided by average earning assets, was 4.89% for fiscal year 1999 and 4.86% for fiscal year 1998. The net interest margin improved slightly despite a decline in interest rates during fiscal year 1999.

Interest Income. Interest income in fiscal year 1999, compared to fiscal year 1998, increased \$1,181,000 as the size of the loan portfolio increased and the mix of loans changed to include higher yielding commercial and consumer loans. Economic conditions were generally causing lower interest rates during fiscal year 1999. The continued shift in the mix of the loan portfolio toward commercial and consumer loans helped partially offset the general trend toward lower loan rates, though the average yield on loans declined from 8.86% in fiscal year 1998 to 8.55% in fiscal year 1999. Growth in deposits exceeded growth in loans during fiscal year 1999. The excess was invested in investments and in interest bearing bank accounts with relatively short terms, resulting in a reduction in the average yield on investments and cash equivalents from 5.98% in fiscal year 1998 to 5.80% in fiscal year 1999. The average yield on all interest earning assets declined from 8.30% in fiscal year 1998 to 7.83% in fiscal year 1999.

Interest Expense. During fiscal year 1999, the average balance of total deposits increased \$16,698,000, and the average balance of Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") advances decreased \$157,000. As a result interest expense for fiscal year 1999 increased \$291,000 over the result for fiscal year 1998. The average cost of deposits declined from 3.33% to 2.93%, primarily because a substantial portion of the growth in deposits was in lower rate savings and checking products, rather than in certificates of deposit. The average cost of borrowing increased from 6.23% to 6.26% as deposit growth was used to pay off shorter term lower cost FHLB advances. Overall the average cost of interest bearing liabilities declined from 3.40% in fiscal year 1998 to 2.98% in fiscal year 1999.

Variance Analysis. The following table illustrates the changes in Mountain West Bank's net interest income due to changes in volume (change in volume multiplied by initial rate), changes in interest rate (change in rate multiplied by initial volume) and changes in rate/volume (change in rate multiplied by change in average volume) for the periods indicated.

FISCAL YEAR 1999 V. FISCAL YEAR 1998 INCREASE (DECREASE) DUE TO:

			RATE/	
	VOLUME	RATE	VOLUME	TOTAL
Interest income on:				
Loans	\$ 898,251	\$(119,241)	\$(31,722)	\$ 747,288
Investments and cash equivalents	464,153	(16,509)	(13,938)	433,706
Total interest income		(135,750)		
Deposits and certificates of deposits:				
Certificates of deposit	150,622	(55, 123)	(10, 276)	85,223
Deposit accounts		(78,521)	(34,422)	215,421
Total deposits and checking accounts		(133,644)	(44,699)	
FHLB Seattle advances	(9,759)	335	(45)	(9,469)
Total interest expense	469 , 228	(133,308)	(44,744)	291 , 175
Net interest income	\$ 893,176 ======	\$ (2,442) ======	\$ (915) ======	\$ 889,819

RISK ELEMENTS-LOANS. The accrual of interest and amortization of net deferred loan fees generally will cease on any loan when either principal or interest becomes 90 days past due. Loans may be placed in nonaccrual status earlier if, in management's judgment, the loan may be uncollectible. The following table summarizes the principal balances of nonperforming assets, net of a specific allowance for loan loss of \$5,243 at March 31, 1998.

For loans on nonaccrual status at March 31, 1998, additional gross interest income of \$2,500 would have been recorded during the year ended March 31, 1998, if such loans had been current in accordance with the original contractual terms. Interest income of \$24,000 was recorded during the year ended March 31, 1998, in connection with such loans.

	MARCH 31, 1999	MARCH 31, 1998
Nonaccrual loans and loans overdue 90 days or	0 4 645	A 33 610
more	\$ 4,645	\$ 77,612
Restructured loans	205,437	222,471
Total nonperforming loans	\$210 , 082	\$300,083
Real estate owned	0	106,912
Total nonperforming assets	\$210,082	\$406,995
Ratio of nonperforming loans to total loans	.42%	.79%
Ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets	.26%	.61%

A provision for loan losses, when determined necessary, is charged to operations based on management's evaluation of the probable losses that may occur in its loan portfolio. An evaluation of impaired loans, which may not be fully collectible, is based on the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or the estimated fair value, net of selling costs, of the underlying collateral. The Bank also provides for probable loan losses on loans that are currently performing based on historical and peer group loss experiences on various types of loans. These estimates can be affected by changes in the economic environment in Kootenai and Ada Counties, Idaho, and the resultant effect on real estate values. As a result of changing economic conditions, it is reasonably possible that the amount of the allowance for loan losses could change.

Mountain West Bank recorded provisions for loan losses of \$203,000 and \$163,000 for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The Bank increased the provision for loan losses in anticipation of potentially higher levels of loss from its expanded business banking and consumer lending activities. Management anticipates that its provisions for loan losses will increase in the future as the Bank continues to increase the portfolio of higher yielding, higher risk loans.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999, \$43,318 was charged to the loan loss allowance, and there were no recoveries of loans. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, \$6,940 was charged to the loan loss allowance, and there were no recoveries of loans.

The following table sets forth the allowances for loan losses by loan category, based upon management's assessment of the risk associated with such categories, at the dates indicated, and summarizes the percentage of gross loans in each category to total gross loans.

MARCH	31.

	19	999	1998		
	AMOUNT	LOANS IN CATEGORY AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LOANS	AMOUNT	LOANS IN CATEGORY AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LOANS	
Classification: Mortgage Construction Commercial Consumer	\$ 86,110 18,605 323,446 106,839	32.30% 7.31 42.31 18.08	\$ 97,294 21,072 177,709 78,925	49.02% 6.10 24.32 20.56	
	\$535,000 =====	100.00%	\$375,000 =====	100.00%	

OTHER INCOME. The largest component of other income is the net gain on the sale of loans, which includes the recognition of net loan fees previously deferred and includes the premiums paid or the discounts deducted by the investor. If loans are sold with servicing released, then the payments for the value of future

servicing are also included. In the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, the Bank recorded \$897,000 and \$480,000, respectively, in net gains on the sale of loans. The increase parallels a 33% increase in residential loans originated, and an increase from \$155,000 to \$299,000 in the gain on sale of participations in SBA-quaranteed loans.

Other fees and charges included loan servicing fees, service charges on deposits and various bank services, which have all increased as the size of the Bank has increased and as the mix of deposits has changed to include more checking accounts. See Note 6 to the Financial Statements. The Bank implemented a marketing program in July 1998 to continue the momentum in increasing checking accounts. The program was developed by a marketing consulting firm, which has used the same approach successfully with many other financial institutions across the nation. Employee compensation, operations losses, correspondent bank charges and the cost of data processing are increased by accounts characterized by a high volume of transactions relative to the size of the accounts. To compensate for the additional expenses, fee income for overdrafts was \$333,000 for the year ended March 31, 1999, compared to \$158,000 for the year ended March 31, 1998.

OPERATING EXPENSES. The Bank reported noninterest operating expenses of \$3,885,000 and \$2,282,000 for fiscal years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. Note 12 to the Financial Statements provides additional detail on the components of noninterest expense.

Reasons for the increase included: (1) additional costs in compensation, data processing, supplies and other categories to handle the increased volume of transactions related to the increase in deposit totals, and (2) additional compensation related to the increase in the volume of loans. In addition, in fiscal year 1999 the Bank had several special projects in progress that added to the expense totals. One project was the continuing marketing program to attract consumer checking accounts. The Bank spent approximately \$190,000 in the last nine months of fiscal 1999 for direct marketing and customer gifts. Another project was establishing the new branch in Boise. In the last nine months of fiscal 1999, payroll and other expenses for establishing and operating the new branch reached a total of approximately \$470,000. Management has also been preparing for the Year 2000, described in the section, "Year 2000 Issues." Finally, the Bank converted to a different data processing service bureau on October 23, 1998. Coinciding with the conversion, the Bank changed the method of processing transactions from "online, real time," to "proof of deposit."

INCOME TAX. Income tax provisions were \$276,000 and \$273,000 for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The effective tax rates on income before income taxes were 37.5% for fiscal year 1999 and 35.2% for fiscal year 1998, which approximated the applicable statutory tax rates. See Note 8 to the Financial Statements for additional detail.

LIQUIDITY AND SOURCES OF FUNDS. The primary sources of cash for the Bank are customer deposits, loan sales, and advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle. The Bank uses cash to fund loans, purchase investments, and continue operations. A summary of activity for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, is provided under the heading of "Financial Condition-Cash Flow Activity." The Statements of Cash Flows in the Financial Statements provide detailed information.

It is the policy of the Bank to rely on core deposits, in contrast to volatile deposits, which are those with negotiated rates, or wholesale deposits, which are obtained through the assistance of third parties. The ratio of volatile deposits to total deposits at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively, was 12.69% and 15.44%. The amount of wholesale deposits held by the Bank was negligible on both dates.

Deposit Balances. The following table presents the average balance outstanding and weighted average interest rate paid for each major category of deposits for the periods indicated.

	MARCH 31, 1999		MARCH	31, 1998
	AVERAGE BALANCE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE INTEREST RATE	AVERAGE BALANCE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE INTEREST RATE
Certificates of deposit	\$17,795,943	5.02%	\$15,000,179	5.39%
Savings & money market	22,691,275	3.57%	16,002,769	3.84%
CheckingNOW accounts	9,681,101	1.60%	6,742,144	1.98%
Noninterest bearing demand	13,241,168	0%	8,966,177	0%
	\$63,409,487	2.93%	\$46,711,268	3.33%

At March 31, 1999, the amount of time deposits outstanding in amounts more than \$100,000\$ was \$10,492,882, of which \$3,808,873 matures in three months or less, \$3,858,120 matures in over three through six months, \$2,249,338 matures in over six through twelve months, and \$576,551 matures in over twelve months.

The components of deposits at March 31, 1999 and 1998, are provided in Note 6 to the Financial Statements.

Borrowing. The Bank may borrow funds on a short-term basis to compensate for reductions in other sources of funds. Borrowing may also be used on a longer-term basis to support lending activities. Detail on current borrowing is provided in Note 7 to the Financial Statements.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding Mountain West Bank's short-term borrowings as of and for the periods indicated.

	FISCAL YEARS EN	IDED MARCH 31,
	1999 	1998
Maximum Amount outstanding at any month end during the period:		
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	\$1,000,000	\$2,500,000
Average amount outstanding during the period:		
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	\$1,000,000	\$1,156,556
Weighted-average interest rate paid during the period:		
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	6.26%	6.23%
Amount outstanding at the end of the reported period:		
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Weighted-average interest rate paid at end of period:		
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	6.25%	6.25%

The Bank has a total credit line with the FHLB, equal to 20% of the Bank's total assets.

The unused portion of the credit line at March 31, 1999, was approximately \$15,000,000, compared to \$11,000,000 at the end of the prior year.

EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICE PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT. In fiscal 1999, the Bank disbursed \$832,000 for office properties and equipment, compared to \$167,000 in total disbursements in the prior year. Additional detail may be found above under the heading of "Financial Condition," and in Note 5 to the Financial Statements.

In the final quarter of fiscal year 1999, the Bank leased and furnished additional space, approximately 1,700 square feet, in the office building behind the Ironwood branch, for the purpose of providing room for the accounting and loan servicing departments. The lessor is Glacier Partners, owned by Stephen F. Meyer and Charles R. Nipp, directors of the Bank. The term of the lease is for a base term of approximately five years, with an option to renew for an additional five years. The monthly base rent for the first two years is \$1,756.

ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT. Asset and liability management is principally about controlling interest rate risk, defined as the sensitivity of a bank's earnings and net asset value to changes in interest rates. The Board of Directors has adopted a policy to maintain the net portfolio value within self-imposed parameters over a range of possible interest rate environments. Management tracks the success of this policy by using analysis reports available from the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), based on data supplied by the Bank on a regular quarterly basis to the OTS. The reports from the OTS have provided results that were within the Bank's self-imposed parameters.

In addition the OTS reports provide peer group comparisons that indicate that most of the institutions in the thrift industry accept a higher level of interest rate risk than Mountain West Bank. For example, the Bank's Rate Sensitivity Measure of 116 basis points at March 31, 1999, was up from 50 basis points at March 31, 1998, but approximately 55% of the industry had a higher measure. The Rate Sensitivity Measure is defined as the decline (in basis points) in the Net Portfolio Value Capital ratio caused by a 200 basis point increase in rates.

The Bank also uses gap analysis, a traditional analytical tool designed to measure the difference between the amount of interest-earning assets and the amount of interest-bearing liabilities expected to mature or reprice in a given period. The following table sets forth the estimated maturity/repricing and the resulting gap between the Bank's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities at March 31, 1999. To produce a better picture of the ability of the Bank to handle interest rate change, the table also shows the gap earnings sensitivity, and earnings sensitivity ratio, along with a description of how they are calculated.

INTEREST SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

AT	MARCH	31,	1999,	MATURING	OR	REPRICING
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		DAYS	1 TO 5 YEARS			TOTAL
			(Dollars in	thousands)		
Interest-earning assets:	216 007	017 074	A 4 00E	010 441	^	AE0 707
Loans receivable, net Loans held for sale	\$16,287	\$17,074	\$ 4,995	\$12,441	\$ U	
	Z, /8Z	0	0	0	0	2,782 5,221
Cash equivalents Investments and mortgage-backed sec.	1 462	0	3 , 771	0 071	0	14,204
investments and mortgage-backed sec.	1,462		3,//1	0,9/1		14,204
Total earning assets			\$ 8,766		\$ 0	73,004
Cash & cash equivalents Other non-earning assets						3,900 3,963
Total assets					, ,	\$80,867
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Money market accounts	\$19,513	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$19,513
Demand accounts	0	0	0	15,777	0	15,777
NOW accounts	0	0	11,497	, 0	0	11,497
Savings accounts	0		4,847			4,847
Certificates of deposit	8,077	9,757	1,074	127	0	19,025
FHLB advances		0	500			1,000
Tot. intbearing liabilities			\$17,918			71,659

AT MARCH 31, 1999, MATURING OR REPRICING

	WITHIN 90 DAYS	91-365 DAYS	1 TO 5 YEARS	OVER 5 YEARS	NON- INTEREST BEARING	TOTAL
			Dollars in	thousands)		
Other liabilities Stockholders' equity					2,872 6,336	2,872 6,336
Total liabilities and equity					\$9,208 =====	\$80,867 =====
Period gap Cumulative gap Cumulative gap to total assets Gap earnings sensitivity(2) Gap earnings sensitivity ratio(3)	\$ (2,338) \$ (2,338) -2.89%	\$ 7,327 \$ 4,989 6.17% \$ 30 3.99%	\$ (9,152) \$ (4,163) -5.15%	\$5,508 \$1,345 1.66%	\$1,345) \$ 0 0.00%	

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- (1) Loan totals do not include deferred loan fees or allowance for losses. The separation of loans into time periods is based on scheduled maturity or time before the loan can be repriced; it does not reflect estimated amortization or prepayments.
- (2) Gap earnings sensitivity is the estimated effect on income after taxes at 40% of a 1% increase or decrease in interest rates (\$4,989 less tax of \$1,996).
- (3) Gap earnings sensitivity ratio is Gap earnings sensitivity divided by the estimated yearly earnings of \$750. A 1% increase in interest rates causes this estimated percentage increase (decrease) in annual income.

CAPITAL RESOURCES. At the end of fiscal years 1999 and 1998, the Bank had total stockholders' equity of \$6,336,000 and \$5,836,000, respectively, with corresponding ratios of equity to total assets of 7.84% and 8.69%, respectively. On February 12, 1998, the Bank completed a common stock offering, issuing 150,000 shares at \$13.00 per share. After net expenses of \$28,000 were deducted, the proceeds of the stock offering were \$1,922,000. The Bank anticipates that it will continue to maintain adequate capital resources through the retention of earnings, the management of the level and mix of assets, and the sale of additional stock, if necessary.

The Bank is in compliance with all applicable regulatory capital requirements. The tables in Note 10 to the Financial Statements contain specific information comparing the Bank's actual capital levels to the OTS minimum and well capitalized requirements. In the current regulatory environment, a banking institution must stay well capitalized to receive favorable regulatory treatment and lower deposit insurance assessments. Throughout fiscal years 1999 and 1998, the Bank exceeded required regulatory minimums for "well capitalized" status, and it is the policy of Mountain West Bank to maintain this status.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

TNTRODUCTION

The following generally refers to certain statutes and regulations affecting the banking industry. These references provide brief summaries only and are not intended to be complete. They are qualified in their entirety by the referenced statutes and regulations. In addition, some statutes and regulations may exist which apply to and regulate the banking industry, but are not referenced below.

Glacier is a bank holding company, due to its ownership of Glacier Bank, Glacier Bank of Whitefish, Glacier Bank of Eureka, Valley Bank of Helena, First Security Bank of Missoula, and Big Sky Western Bank, all of which are Montana-state chartered commercial banks, and all of which are members of the Federal Reserve. Prior to Glacier Bank's conversion from a federal savings bank to a state-chartered commercial bank, Glacier was also a savings and loan holding company within the meaning of the Home Owners' Loan Act and, as such, was registered

with and subject to examination and supervision by the Office of Thrift Supervision. The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended subjects Glacier and the State Banks to supervision and examination by the Federal Reserve Bank, and Glacier files annual reports of operations with the Federal Reserve Bank.

BANK HOLDING COMPANY REGULATION

In general, the Bank Holding Company Act limits bank holding company business to owning or controlling banks and engaging in other banking-related activities. Bank holding companies must obtain the Federal Reserve Bank's approval before they: (1) acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any bank that results in total ownership or control, directly or indirectly, of more than 5% of the voting shares of such bank; (2) merge or consolidate with another bank holding company; or (3) acquire substantially all of the assets of any additional banks. Subject to certain state laws, such as age and contingency laws, a bank holding company that is adequately capitalized and adequately managed may acquire the assets of both in-state and out-of-state bank

Control of Nonbanks. With certain exceptions, the BHCA prohibits bank holding companies from acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of voting shares in any company that is not a bank or a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve Bank determines that the activities of such company are incidental or closely related to the business of banking. If a bank holding company is well-capitalized and meets certain criteria specified by the Federal Reserve Bank, it may engage de novo in certain permissible nonbanking activities without prior Federal Reserve Bank approval.

Control Transactions. The Change in Bank Control Act of 1978, as amended, requires a person (or group of persons acting in concert) acquiring "control" of a bank holding company to provide the Federal Reserve Bank with 60 days' prior written notice of the proposed acquisition. Following receipt of this notice, the Federal Reserve Bank has 60 days within which to issue a notice disapproving the proposed acquisition, but the Federal Reserve Bank may extend this time period for up to another 30 days. An acquisition may be completed before expiration of the disapproval period if the Federal Reserve Bank issues written notice of its intent not to disapprove the transaction. In addition, any "company" must obtain the Federal Reserve Bank's approval before acquiring 25% (5% if the "company" is a bank holding company) or more of the outstanding shares or otherwise obtaining control over Glacier.

TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Glacier and its subsidiaries are deemed to be affiliates within the meaning of the Federal Reserve Act, and transactions between affiliates are subject to certain restrictions. Accordingly, Glacier and its subsidiaries must comply with Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act. Generally, Sections 23A and 23B: (1) limit the extent to which the financial institution or its subsidiaries may engage in "covered transactions" with an affiliate, as defined, to an amount equal to 10% of such institution's capital and surplus and an aggregate limit on all such transactions with all affiliates to an amount equal to 20% of such capital and surplus, and (2) require all transactions with an affiliate, whether or not "covered transactions," to be on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable to the institution or subsidiary, as those provided to a non-affiliate. The term "covered transaction" includes the making of loans, purchase of assets, issuance of a guarantee and other similar types of transactions.

REGULATION OF MANAGEMENT

Federal law sets forth the circumstances under which officers or directors of a financial institution may be removed by the institution's federal supervisory agency. Federal law also places restraints on lending by an institution to its executive officers, directors, principal stockholders, and their related interests. Finally, federal law prohibits management personnel from serving as a director or in other management positions with another financial institution which has assets exceeding a specified amount, or which has an office within a specified geographic area.

TIE-IN ARRANGEMENTS

Glacier and its subsidiaries cannot engage in certain tie-in arrangements in connection with any extension of credit, sale or lease of property or furnishing of services. For example, with certain exceptions, neither Glacier nor its subsidiaries may condition an extension of credit on either (1) a requirement that the customer obtain additional services provided by it or (2) an agreement by the customer to refrain from obtaining other services from a competitor.

The Federal Reserve Board has adopted significant amendments to its anti-tying rules that: (1) removed Federal Reserve Board-imposed anti-tying restrictions on bank holding companies and their non-bank subsidiaries; (2) allow banks greater flexibility to package products with their affiliates; and (3) establish a safe harbor from the trying restrictions for certain foreign transactions. These amendments were designed to enhance competition in banking and nonbanking products and to allow banks and their affiliates to provide more efficient, lower cost service to their customers. However, the impact of the amendments on Glacier and its subsidiaries is unclear at this time.

STATE LAW RESTRICTIONS

As a Delaware corporation, Glacier may be subject to certain limitations and restrictions as provided under applicable Delaware corporate law. Each of Glacier's subsidiary banks, as Montana state-chartered commercial banks, are subject to supervision and regulation by the Montana Department of Commerce's Banking and Financial Institutions Division. Mountain West Bank, as an Idaho state-chartered bank, is subject to supervision and regulation by the Idaho Department of Finance.

THE SUBSIDIARIES

GENERAL

Glacier's subsidiaries are subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the Montana Department of Commerce's Banking and Financial Institutions Division, and the subsidiary banks are also subject to regulation and examination by the Federal Reserve Board as a result of their membership in the Federal Reserve System. Mountain West Bank's primary federal regulator is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The federal laws that apply to Glacier's banking subsidiaries regulate, among other things, the scope of their business, their investments, their reserves against deposits, the timing of the availability of deposited funds and the nature and amount of and collateral for loans. The laws and regulations governing Glacier's banking subsidiaries and Mountain West Bank generally have been promulgated to protect depositors, and not to protect stockholders of such institutions or their holding companies.

Community Reinvestment Act. The Community Reinvestment Act requires that, in connection with examinations of financial institutions within their jurisdiction, the Federal Reserve or the FDIC evaluates the record of the financial institutions in meeting the credit needs of their local communities, including low and moderate income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operation of those banks. These factors are also considered in evaluating mergers, acquisitions, and applications to open a branch or facility.

Insider Credit Transactions. Banks are also subject to certain restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve Act on extensions of credit to executive officers, directors, principal stockholders, or any related interests of such persons. Extensions of credit must be made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, and follow credit underwriting procedures that are not less stringent than those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with persons not covered above and who are not employees. Such extensions of credit must not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features. Banks are also subject to certain lending limits and restrictions on overdrafts to such persons. A violation of these restrictions may result in the assessment of substantial civil monetary penalties on the affected

bank or any officer, director, employee, agent, or other person participating in the conduct of the affairs of that bank, the imposition of a cease and desist order, and other regulatory sanctions.

FDICIA. Under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act, each federal banking agency has prescribed, by regulation, noncapital safety and soundness standards for institutions under its authority. These standards cover internal controls, information systems, and internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth, compensation, fees and benefits, such other operational and managerial standards as the agency determines to be appropriate, and standards for asset quality, earnings and stock valuation. An institution which fails to meet these standards must develop a plan acceptable to the agency, specifying the steps that the institution will take to meet the standards. Failure to submit or implement such a plan may subject the institution to regulatory sanctions. Management of Glacier believes that Glacier's subsidiary banks meet all such standards, and therefore, does not believe that these regulatory standards materially affect Glacier's business operations.

INTERSTATE BANKING AND BRANCHING

The Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 permits nationwide interstate banking and branching under certain circumstances. This legislation generally authorizes interstate branching and relaxes federal law restrictions on interstate banking. Currently, bank holding companies may purchase banks in any state, and states may not prohibit such purchases. Additionally, banks are permitted to merge with banks in other states as long as the home state of neither merging bank has opted out. The Interstate Act requires regulators to consult with community organizations before permitting an interstate institution to close a branch in a low-income area.

Under recent FDIC regulations, banks are prohibited from using their interstate branches primarily for deposit production. The FDIC has accordingly implemented a loan-to-deposit ratio screen to ensure compliance with this prohibition.

With regard to interstate bank mergers, Montana has "opted-out" of the Riegle-Neal Act and prohibits in-state banks from merging with out-of-state banks if the merger would be effective on or before September 30, 2001. Montana law generally authorizes the acquisition of an in-state bank by an out-of-state bank holding company through the acquisition of a financial institution if the in-state bank being acquired has been in existence for at least 5 years prior to the acquisition. Banks, bank holding companies, and their respective subsidiaries cannot acquire control of a bank located in Montana if, after the acquisition, the acquiring institution, together with its affiliates, would directly or indirectly control more than 22% of the total deposits of insured depository institutions and credit unions located in Montana. Montana law does not authorize the establishment of a branch bank in Montana by an out-of-state bank.

With regard to interstate bank mergers, Idaho has "opted-in" to the Riegle-Neal Act and generally permits in-state banks to merge with out-of-state banks and be acquired by out-of-state bank holding companies, so long as the in-state bank has been in existence for at least 5 years prior to the acquisition.

DEPOSIT INSURANCE

The deposits of the State Banks are currently insured to a maximum of \$100,000 per depositor through the Bank Insurance Fund administered by the FDIC. All insured banks are required to pay semi-annual deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act included provisions to reform the Federal Deposit Insurance System, including the implementation of risk-based deposit insurance premiums. The Act also permits the FDIC to make special assessments on insured depository institutions in amounts determined by the

FDIC to be necessary to give it adequate assessment income to repay amounts borrowed from the U.S. Treasury and other sources, or for any other purpose the FDIC deems necessary. The FDIC has implemented a risk-based insurance premium system under which banks are assessed insurance premiums based on how much risk they present to the Bank Insurance Fund. Banks with higher levels of capital and a low degree of supervisory concern are assessed lower premiums than banks with lower levels of capital or a higher degree of supervisory concern.

DIVIDENDS

The principal source of Glacier's cash revenues is dividends received from its subsidiary banks. The payment of dividends is subject to government regulation, in that regulatory authorities may prohibit banks and bank holding companies from paying dividends which would constitute an unsafe or unsound banking practice. In addition, a bank may not pay cash dividends if that payment could reduce the amount of its capital below that necessary to meet minimum applicable regulatory capital requirements. Other than the laws and regulations noted above, which apply to all banks and bank holding companies, neither Glacier nor are currently subject to any regulatory restrictions on its dividends.

CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Federal bank regulatory agencies use capital adequacy guidelines in the examination and regulation of bank holding companies and banks. If capital falls below minimum guideline levels, the holding company or bank may be denied approval to acquire or establish additional banks or nonbank businesses or to open new facilities.

The FDIC and Federal Reserve use risk-based capital guidelines for banks and bank holding companies. These are designed to make such capital requirements more sensitive to differences in risk profiles among banks and bank holding companies, to account for off-balance sheet exposure, and to minimize disincentives for holding liquid assets. Assets and off-balance sheet items are assigned to broad risk categories, each with appropriate weights. The resulting capital ratios represent capital as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets and off-balance sheet items. The guidelines are minimums, and the Federal Reserve has noted that bank holding companies contemplating significant expansion programs should not allow expansion to diminish their capital ratios and should maintain ratios well in excess of the minimum. The current guidelines require all bank holding companies and federally regulated banks to maintain a minimum risk-based total capital ratio equal to 8%, of which at least 4% must be Tier I capital.

Tier I capital for bank holding companies includes common stockholders' equity, qualifying perpetual preferred stock (up to 25% of total Tier I capital, if cumulative, although under a Federal Reserve Rule, redeemable perpetual preferred stock may not be counted as Tier I capital unless the redemption is subject to the prior approval of the Federal Reserve), and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, less intangibles, except as described above.

The Federal Reserve also employs a leverage ratio, which is Tier I capital as a percentage of total assets less intangibles, to be used as a supplement to risk-based guidelines. The principal objective of the leverage ratio is to constrain the maximum degree to which a bank holding company may leverage its equity capital base. The Federal Reserve requires a minimum leverage ratio of 3% or 4%, depending on the institution. However, for all but the most highly rated bank holding companies, and for bank holding companies seeking to expand, the Federal Reserve expects an additional cushion of at least 1% to 2%.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act created a statutory framework of supervisory actions indexed to the capital level of the individual institution. Under regulations adopted by the FDIC, an institution is assigned to one of five capital categories, depending on its total risk-based capital ratio, Tier I risk-based capital ratio, and leverage ratio, together with certain subjective factors. Institutions which are

deemed to be "undercapitalized" depending on the category to which they are assigned are subject to certain mandatory supervisory corrective actions. Glacier and Mountain West Bank do not believe that these regulations have any material effect on their operations.

EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT MONETARY POLICY

The earnings and growth of Glacier and Mountain West Bank are affected not only by general economic conditions, but also by the fiscal and monetary policies of the federal government, particularly the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve can and does implement national monetary policy for such purposes as curbing inflation and combating recession, but its open market operations in U.S. government securities, control of the discount rate applicable to borrowings from the Federal Reserve, and establishment of reserve requirements against certain deposits, influence the growth of bank loans, investments and deposits, and also affect interest rates charged on loans or paid on deposits. The nature and impact of future changes in monetary policies and their impact on Glacier and Mountain West Bank cannot be predicted with certainty.

CHANGES IN BANKING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

[REVISE BEFORE MAILING PER LATEST DEVELOPMENTS] The laws and regulations that affect banks and bank holding companies are currently undergoing significant changes. This year, legislation was proposed in Congress which contained proposals to alter the structure, regulation, and competitive relationships of the nation's financial institutions. Although the legislation was not passed in the 1998 general session of Congress and does not appear that it will pass this year, similar legislation may be proposed in the coming years and, if enacted into law, such bills could have the effect of increasing or decreasing the cost of doing business, limiting or expanding permissible activities (including activities in the insurance and securities fields), or affecting the competitive balance among banks, savings associations, and other financial institutions. Some of these bills may reduce the extent of federal deposit insurance, broaden the powers or the geographical range of operations of bank holding companies, alter the extent to which banks could engage in securities activities, and change the structure and jurisdiction of various financial institution regulatory agencies. Whether or in what form such legislation may be adopted, or the extent to which the business of Glacier and Mountain West Bank might be affected thereby, cannot be predicted with certainty.

DESCRIPTION OF GLACIER'S CAPITAL STOCK

Glacier's authorized capital stock consists of 15,000,000 common stock shares with a \$.01 per share par value, and 1,000,000 preferred stock shares with a \$.01 per share par value. As of the date of this prospectus/proxy statement, Glacier had no shares of preferred stock issued. The Glacier Board is authorized, without further stockholder action, to issue preferred stock shares with such designations, preferences and rights as the Glacier board of directors may determine.

Glacier's stockholders do not have preemptive rights to subscribe to any additional securities that may be issued. If Glacier is liquidated, the holders of Glacier common stock are entitled to share, on a pro rata basis, Glacier's remaining assets after provision for liabilities. The Glacier board of directors is authorized to determine the liquidation rights and preferences of any preferred stock that may be issued.

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, a stockholder who has neither voted in favor of a proposed merger nor consented in writing to a proposed merger is entitled to an appraisal by the Delaware Court of Chancery of the fair value of his or her shares, unless the merger is a stock-for-stock merger and either (i) the stock is listed on a national exchange or is designated a national market system security on an interdealer quotation system by The NASDAQ Stock Market, (ii) the stock is held by more than 2,000 stockholders, or (iii) stockholders are not entitled to vote on the merger. Because Glacier's common stock is traded on NASDAQ, in the event of a proposed merger, Glacier stockholders will not be entitled under Delaware law to appraisal rights (rights to receive the fair value of

their shares in cash upon dissent from the proposed merger and rights to an appraisal of the fair value of their shares), regardless of whether such Glacier stockholders vote for or against the proposed merger.

Under Delaware law, Glacier may acquire shares of its own stock. Glacier's stockholders may amend Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation by an affirmative majority vote of the shares entitled to vote on the matter following approval of the amendment by Glacier's Board, but the anti-takeover provisions detailed in Section 9.6 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation, may not be amended or repealed and provisions inconsistent with Article 9 may not be adopted without the affirmative vote of 80% of Glacier's outstanding voting stock. Glacier's board of directors is authorized to alter, amend or repeal Glacier's Bylaws by affirmative vote; Glacier's stockholders are authorized to alter, amend or repeal Glacier's Bylaws by majority vote at an annual stockholders meeting or at a special stockholders meeting.

For additional information concerning Glacier's capital stock, see "COMPARISON OF CERTAIN RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF GLACIER AND MOUNTAIN WEST BANK COMMON STOCK."

COMPARISON OF CERTAIN RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF GLACIER AND MOUNTAIN WEST BANK COMMON STOCK

Delaware law and Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws govern the rights of Glacier stockholders and will govern the rights of Mountain West Bank's stockholders who become stockholders of Glacier as a result of the merger. The rights of Mountain West Bank stockholders are currently governed by the Idaho Statutes and by Mountain West Bank's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The following is a brief summary of certain differences between the rights of Mountain West Bank and Glacier stockholders. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified by the documents and statutes referenced and by other applicable law.

GENERAL

Under its Certificate of Incorporation, Glacier's authorized capital stock consists of 15,000,000 of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share. No shares of preferred stock are currently outstanding.

Under its Articles of Incorporation, Mountain West Bank's authorized capital consists of 1,500,000 shares of common stock, \$2.50 par value per share.

The following is a more detailed description of Glacier's and Mountain West Bank's capital stock.

COMMON STOCK

As of September 30, 1999, there were 9,540,989 shares of Glacier common stock issued and outstanding, in addition to options for the purchase of 613,480 shares of Glacier common stock under Glacier's employee and director stock option plans.

As of September 30, 1999, there were 715,472 shares of Mountain West Bank common stock issued and outstanding. Additionally, 115,019 shares of Mountain West Bank common stock are subject to outstanding options under Mountain West Bank's employee and director stock option plans.

PREFERRED STOCK

As of the date of this prospectus/proxy statement, neither Glacier nor Mountain West Bank had shares of preferred stock issued. The Glacier board of directors is authorized, without further stockholder action, to issue

preferred stock shares with such designations, preferences and rights as the Glacier board of directors may determine.

DIVIDEND RIGHTS

Dividends may be paid on Glacier common stock as and when declared by the Glacier board of directors out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends. The Glacier board of directors may issue preferred stock that is entitled to such dividend rights as the board of directors may determine, including priority over the common stock in the payment of dividends. The ability of Glacier to pay dividends basically depends on the amount of dividends paid to it by its subsidiaries. Accordingly, the dividend restrictions imposed on the subsidiaries by statute or regulation effectively may limit the amount of dividends Glacier can pay. See "SUPERVISION AND REGULATION - The Bank Subsidiaries; Dividend Restrictions." Under Delaware law, the Glacier board of directors can declare dividends out of Glacier's surplus. If there is no surplus, the board of directors may declare dividends out of Glacier's net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared, or for the preceding fiscal year, unless there is a deficiency in the amount of capital represented by the issued and outstanding stock of all classes having a preference to the distribution of assets.

Dividends may be paid on Mountain West Bank common stock as and when declared by the board of directors out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends. IC Section 26-604 provides that an Idaho state bank may not declare or pay a dividend until the bank has a surplus equal to 20% of the paid-in capital stock of the bank. Thereafter, the board of directors of the bank may declare a dividend of so much of its net profits as the board may deem expedient so long as 20% of the net profits of the bank for such period as is covered by the dividend shall be carried to the surplus fund until such surplus fund shall amount to 50% of the paid-in common stock.

VOTING RIGHTS

All voting rights are currently vested in the holders of Glacier common stock and Mountain West Bank common stock, with each share being entitled to one vote.

Glacier's Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of Mountain West Bank provide that stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Glacier's and Mountain West Bank's stockholders do not have preemptive rights to subscribe to any additional securities that may be issued.

LIQUIDATION RIGHTS

If Glacier is liquidated, the holders of Glacier common stock are entitled to share, on a pro rata basis, Glacier's remaining assets after provision for liabilities. The Glacier board of directors is authorized to determine the liquidation rights of any preferred stock that may be issued.

If Mountain West Bank is voluntarily liquidated, the holders of Mountain West Bank common stock are entitled to share, on a pro rata basis, Mountain West Bank's remaining assets after provision for liabilities.

ASSESSMENTS

All outstanding shares of Glacier common stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

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STOCK REPURCHASES

Under Delaware law, a corporation may acquire shares of its own stock. Therefore, Glacier may repurchase shares of its own capital stock.

Idaho banking statutes prohibit Mountain West Bank from purchasing its own stock unless such purchase is necessary to prevent a loss to the bank on debts previously contracted.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS

Under Delaware law, Glacier's stockholders may amend Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation by an affirmative majority vote of the shares entitled to vote on the matter following approval of the amendment by Glacier's Board, but the anti-takeover provisions detailed in Article 9 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation may not be amended or repealed, and provisions inconsistent with Article 9 may not be adopted, without the affirmative vote of 80% of the outstanding voting stock. Glacier's board of directors is authorized to alter, amend or repeal Glacier's Bylaws by affirmative vote; Glacier's stockholders are authorized to alter, amend or repeal Glacier's Bylaws by majority vote at an annual stockholders meeting or at a special stockholders meeting.

The Articles of Incorporation of Mountain West Bank provide that no amendment, addition, alteration, change or repeal of the Articles shall be made, unless such is first proposed by the Mountain West Bank board of directors, then approved by the Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, and thereafter approved by the board of directors and stockholders by a majority of the total votes eligible to be cast. Provided that, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 75% of the total votes eligible to be cast is required to amend, repeal or adopt any provisions inconsistent with the current provisions of the Articles concerning directors, shareholder meetings and cumulative voting.

Mountain West Bank's board is authorized to amend or repeal Mountain West Bank's Bylaws, and to adopt new Bylaws, in its discretion upon the affirmative vote of a majority of Mountain West Bank's board when a quorum is present. Mountain West Bank's stockholders are also authorized to amend or repeal Mountain West Bank's Bylaws upon the affirmative vote of a majority of Mountain West Bank's stockholders when a quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

Under the Delaware law, sales of assets, mergers and dissolutions must be approved by a majority of a corporation's outstanding stock. In addition, Delaware law prohibits certain business combinations with a business entity for a period of three years following the entity's acquisition of at least 15% of the corporation's voting stock. Article 9 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation provides that certain mergers involving a stockholder owning 10% or more of Glacier's outstanding voting stock must be approved by 80% of Glacier's outstanding voting stock. These provisions are described in "Potential `Anti-Takeover' Provisions" below.

Under the Idaho Bank Act, approval by at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares entitled to vote is required for mergers, and the approval of at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote is required of the sale of substantially all the assets or dissolution.

DISSENTERS' RIGHTS

Under Delaware law, a stockholder who has neither voted in favor of a proposed merger nor consented in writing to a proposed merger is entitled to an appraisal by the Delaware Court of Chancery of the fair value of his or her shares, unless the merger is a stock-for-stock merger and either (i) the stock is listed on a national exchange or is designated a national market system security on an interdealer quotation system by The NASDAQ Stock Market, (ii) the stock is held by more than 2,000 stockholders, or (iii) stockholders are not entitled to vote on the merger. Because Glacier's Common Stock is traded on Nasdaq, in the event of a proposed merger, Glacier stockholders will not be entitled under Delaware law to appraisal rights (rights to receive the fair value of their shares in cash upon dissent from the proposed merger and rights to an appraisal of the fair value of their shares), regardless of whether a Glacier stockholder votes for or against such proposed merger.

Under the Idaho Bank Act, a stockholder is entitled to dissent from, and, upon completion of various notice and demand requirements prescribed in Section 26-909, to obtain payment of the fair value of his or her shares in the event of certain corporate actions, including certain mergers, share exchanges, sales of substantially all assets of the corporation, and the conversion from a state to national bank.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation provide for division of its Board into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible. Each director serves for a three-year term, and the classes are staggered so that one class is elected each year. The Glacier board of directors sets the exact number of directors by resolution. Currently, the Glacier board of directors has ten directors. A Glacier director may be removed with cause by Glacier's stockholders if a majority of the stockholders entitled to vote on the matter vote in favor of removal at a meeting expressly called for that purpose. A Glacier director may not be removed without cause.

Mountain West Bank's Articles of Incorporation provide for the annual election of its board by the stockholders. The number of directors shall not be less than seven nor more than 15. The exact number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by the board of directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the entire board of directors. A Mountain West Bank director may be removed for cause at a meeting of shareholders called expressly for that purpose by a vote of the holders of 75% of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors.

INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation provides that the personal liability of Glacier's directors and officers for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law.

Glacier's Bylaws provide that Glacier will indemnify any present or former director, officer or employee, or any present or former director, officer or employee of another business entity serving in such capacity at Glacier's request, from any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, excise taxes and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by such person to the fullest extent permitted under Sections 145(a)-(d) of Delaware General Corporation Law. Glacier will not be liable, however, for any settlement amounts which are effected without Glacier's prior written consent, or any amounts claimed in an action that was initiated by any person seeking indemnification without Glacier's prior written consent. Reasonable expenses (including attorney's fees) will be advanced to any person claiming indemnification, if that person undertakes in writing to repay Glacier if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to indemnification. Glacier's obligation to indemnify and advance expenses to persons covered by Glacier's bylaw indemnification provisions will continue despite the subsequent amendment or repeal of such provisions.

Under Idaho law, a corporation may indemnify its officers and directors if such officer or director conducted himself or herself in good faith, and reasonably believed that his or her conduct was in the best interests of the corporation (in the case of official conduct), reasonably believed that his or her conduct was not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful (in the case of alleged criminal action).

Unless ordered otherwise by a court, a corporation's indemnification of an officer or director in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation is limited to reimbursement of the reasonable expenses associated with such proceeding, and a corporation may not indemnify an officer or director in connection with any proceeding with respect to conduct for which such officer or director was adjudged liable on the basis that he or she received a financial benefit to which he or she was not entitled.

Reasonable expenses may be advanced to an officer or director claiming indemnification if such individual submits a written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct described above and agrees in writing to repay such funds in the event it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to indemnification.

POTENTIAL "ANTI-TAKEOVER" PROVISIONS

Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation and Delaware law contain certain provisions which may limit or prevent certain acquisitions. These provisions are briefly summarized below.

Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation.

Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation includes certain provisions that could make it more difficult for another party to acquire Glacier by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest, merger or otherwise. These provisions include:

- o a requirement that at least 80% of Glacier's outstanding voting stock approve business combinations (discussed in more detail below);
- o an authorization to Glacier's board of directors allowing it to issue preferred stock (discussed in more detail below); and
- o restrictions on removal of directors which could limit changes in the composition of the Glacier board of directors (see "- Board of Directors" above).

Article 9 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation contains detailed provisions governing certain change-in-control transactions, including mergers and consolidations, and significant sales of corporate assets, involving business entities owning at least 10% of Glacier's outstanding voting stock, or which have the opportunity, through beneficial ownership of the voting stock or rights to acquire Glacier voting stock, to own or control at least 10% of Glacier's voting stock. Other transactions treated as business combinations under these change-in-control provisions are detailed in Section $9.1\ \mathrm{of}$ Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation. All such business combinations must be approved by at least 80% of Glacier's outstanding voting stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, all of which will vote as one class, with each share entitled to the number of votes that it is granted either under the Certificate of Incorporation, or, if preferred stock, as designated by the board of directors when the preferred shares were issued. The "super-majority" voting requirement applies regardless of other requirements in Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, lesser voting requirements provided by applicable law, and requirements imposed under any agreement between Glacier and any national securities exchange.

The "super-majority" voting requirement does not apply to those business combinations which meet all the criteria prescribed in Section 9.2 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation. Some of these stringent criteria include the approval of the business combination by directors unaffiliated with the Glacier stockholder seeking the business combination, the payment of fair and adequate consideration (based upon recent pricing history of Glacier's stock), limitations on the form of consideration payable to Glacier's stockholders, and Glacier's continuing ability to pay dividends of a consistent value on its outstanding stock. Other requirements are detailed in Section 9.2 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation.

In addition, the authorization of preferred stock, which is intended primarily as a financing tool and not as a defense against takeovers, may potentially be used by management to render more difficult uninvited attempts to acquire control of Glacier (e.g., by diluting the ownership interest of a substantial stockholder, increasing the amount of consideration necessary for a stockholder to obtain control, or selling authorized but unissued shares to friendly third parties).

The requirement of a super-majority vote of stockholders to approve change-in-control transactions, the availability of Glacier's preferred stock for issuance without stockholder approval, the staggered terms for Glacier's directors, provisions in Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation permitting the removal of directors only for cause and the Glacier board of directors' ability to expand the board of directors' size and fill resulting vacancies, may have the effect of lengthening the time required for a person to acquire control of Glacier through a tender offer, proxy contest, the election of a majority of the Glacier board of directors, or otherwise, and may deter any potential unfriendly offers or other efforts to obtain control of Glacier. This could deprive Glacier's stockholders of opportunities to realize a premium for their Glacier common stock and could make removal of incumbent directors more difficult, even in circumstances where the action was favored by a majority of Glacier's stockholders.

2. Delaware Law.

Delaware's significant anti-takeover provisions are generally described below.

Delaware prohibits business combinations with an interested stockholder (i.e., a stockholder who owns at least 15% of the voting stock of a corporation) for a period of three years following the date the stockholder becomes interested. Business combinations with an interested stockholder are not prohibited, however, if:

- o the corporation's board of directors approves in advance either the business combination or the transaction in which the stockholder becomes an interested stockholder;
- o the stockholder acquires 85% or more of the outstanding voting stock in the same transaction in which the stockholder becomes interested;
- o the board of directors approves the business combination and at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock (excluding those shares held by the acquiring stockholder) approve the transaction by affirmative vote.

These change-of-control provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law will not apply if:

- o a corporation expressly elects not to follow them;
- o a stockholder inadvertently becomes interested and divests his shares as soon as practicable; or
- o the corporation has no stock listed on a national securities exchange, authorized for quotation on an inter dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association, or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders.

Idaho Law.

Idaho law requires any person or group of affiliated people who acquire at least 20% of the outstanding shares of stock of a corporation to provide a detailed information statement discussing the acquisition of such shares. Unless approved by two-thirds of the disinterested shareholders, the shares so acquired will not have any voting rights.

Idaho law prohibits business combinations with an "interested" shareholder (i.e., a shareholder who owns at least 10% of the voting stock of a corporation) for a period of three years following the date the shareholder becomes "interested," unless the share acquisition that resulted in the shareholder becoming "interested" is approved by the Board of Directors prior to the share acquisition date.

CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Glacier common stock to be issued in the merger will be passed upon for Glacier by its counsel, Graham & Dunn, P.C., Seattle, Washington. Graham & Dunn, P.C. also will give an opinion concerning certain tax matters related to the merger.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Glacier as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, are incorporated in this prospectus/proxy statement and in the Registration Statement filed by Glacier in reliance on the report of KPMG LLP, independent certified public accountants, as indicated in their reports with respect thereto, and on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Mountain West Bank as of March 31, 1999 and 1998 and for the fiscal years then ended included in this prospectus/proxy statement and in the Registration Statement have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Glacier files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, statements, or other information that Glacier files at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. Glacier's SEC filings are also available to the public on the SEC Internet site (http://www.sec.gov).

Glacier has filed a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333____) to register with the SEC, the Glacier common stock to be issued to
Mountain West Bank stockholders in the merger. This prospectus/proxy statement
is part of that Registration Statement and constitutes a prospectus of Glacier
in addition to being a proxy statement of Mountain West Bank for the Mountain
West Bank special stockholders meeting. As allowed by SEC rules, this
prospectus/proxy statement does not contain all of the information that you can
find in the Registration Statement or the exhibits to the Registration
Statement.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows Glacier to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus/proxy statement, which means that Glacier can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed

separately by Glacier with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus/proxy statement, except for any information superseded by any information in this prospectus/proxy statement. This prospectus/proxy statement incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that Glacier has previously filed with the SEC. These documents contain important information about Glacier and its finances:

- o Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998;
- o Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 1999; June 30, 1999 and September 30, 1999;
- o Proxy Statement for Glacier's 1999 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and
- o Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 25, 1999; May 25, 1999; and September 17, 1999.

As described in "INFORMATION CONCERNING GLACIER," information filed with the SEC prior to July 8, 1998 was filed by, and describes, "Original Glacier," Glacier's predecessor corporation.

Glacier is also incorporating by reference additional documents that Glacier files with the SEC between the date of this prospectus/proxy statement and the date of the special meeting of Mountain West Bank stockholders.

You can obtain the documents that are incorporated by reference through Glacier or the SEC. You can obtain the documents from the SEC, as described above under "WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION". These documents are also available from Glacier without charge, excluding exhibits unless Glacier has specifically incorporated such exhibits by reference in this prospectus/proxy statement. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus/proxy statement by requesting them from Glacier at 49 Commons Loop, Kalispell, Montana 59901, telephone number (406) 756-4263, ATTN: James H. Strosahl. If you would like to request documents from Glacier, please do so by , 1999 to receive them before the Mountain West Bank special stockholders meeting.

Glacier has supplied all of the information concerning it contained in this prospectus/proxy statement, and Mountain West Bank has supplied all of the information concerning it.

YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT IN DECIDING HOW TO VOTE ON THE MERGER. WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION OTHER THAN WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT. THIS PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT IS DATED DECEMBER ____, 1999. YOU SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT IS ACCURATE AS OF ANY OTHER DATE, AND NEITHER THE MAILING OF THIS PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT TO MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STOCKHOLDERS NOR THE ISSUANCE OF GLACIER COMMON STOCK IN THE MERGER WILL CREATE ANY IMPLICATION TO THE CONTRARY.

OTHER MATTERS

The Mountain West Bank board of directors is not aware of any business to come before the Mountain West Bank special stockholders meeting, other than those matters described above in this prospectus/proxy statement. However, if any other matters should properly come before the meeting, it is intended that proxies in the accompanying form will be voted on such matters in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting the proxies.

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BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of dollars)

	September 30, 1999	March 31, 1999
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and noninterest bearing deposits in banks	\$ 3,491	\$ 3,900
Interest bearing deposits in banks	3,942	5 221
Investments and mortgage-backed securities	16,961	14,204
Loans held for sale	2,553	2,782
Loans receivable:		
Total loans	51,950	50,797
Less unearned income	(80)	(64)
Less allowance for loan losses	(603)	(535)
Net loans	51,267	50,198
Accrued interest receivable	478	455
Mortgage servicing rights, net	351	278
Premises and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$901 at	331	270
09/30/99 and \$710 at 03/31/99	3,339	3,408
Deferred income taxes	125	31
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net	377	390
Total assets	\$ 82,884 ======	\$ 80,867
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Deposits: Noninterest bearing deposits Interest bearing demand, money market and savings accounts Time deposits	\$ 15,948 40,037 18,018	\$ 15,777 35,857 19,025
Total deposits	74,003	70,659
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	0	1,000
Checks issued and payable	1,210	1,388
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	1,146	1,484
Total liabilities	76,359	74,531
TOTAL TIADITITIES	70,339	74,551
Common stock; \$2.50 par value; authorized 1,500,000 shares; issued and outstanding 715,472 shares at 09/30/99 and 704,774 shares		
at 03/31/99	1,789	1,762
Paid-in surplus	4,413	4,321
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(141)	(23)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	464	276
Total stockholders' equity	6 , 525	6,336
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 82,884	\$ 80,867
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STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		
		Sept. 30, 1998	Sept. 30, 1999		
Interest income:					
Loans Investments and interest bearing bank deposits	\$ 1,177 324	\$ 994 255	\$ 2,322 565	\$ 1,920 472	
Total interest income	1,501	1,249	2,887	2,392	
Interest expense:	492	476	950	907	
Deposits Borrowing, net of capitalized interest	492 6	15	19	31	
Total interest expense	498	491	969	938	
Net interest income	1,003	758	1,918	1,454	
Provision for loan losses	60	49	120	107	
Net interest income after provision for losses	943	709	1,798	1,347	
Other income (expense):					
Fees and service charges	267	163	540	299	
Net gains on sales of loans	84	174	295	373	
Other	51	0	32	0	
Total other income	402	337	867	672	
Noninterest expense:	505	450	4 4 6 0	0.1.1	
Employee compensation and benefits	595	453	1,168	811	
Occupancy and equipment	212 112	133 83	420 216	246 152	
Data Processing Professional services and examinations	17	63 27	41	45	
Telephone, postage, and delivery	57	12	112	25	
Marketing	76	72	170	105	
Printing and supplies	29	36	70	52	
Other expenses	79 	64	162	112	
Total noninterest expense	1,177	880	2,359	1,548	
Income (loss) before income taxes	168	166	306	471	
Income tax provision	65	66	118	185	
Net income (loss)	\$ 103 ======	\$ 100 ======	\$ 188 ======	\$ 286 ======	
Earnings per common share	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.41	
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.39	
Weighted average shares outstanding	\$714,657	\$702,815 ======	\$711,168 ======	\$701,963	

	1999	1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by	\$ 188	\$ 286
<pre>(used in) operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Amortization of mortgage servicing rights Provision for loan losses</pre>	191 4 68	113 28 65
Valuation adjustments on loans held for sale Valuation adjustments on mortgage servicing rights Change in accrued interest receivable Deferred income taxes	33 (65) (23) (94)	0 0 (51) 0
Change in accounts payable, accrued expenses and income tax Change in prepaid expenses and other assets Change in unearned income Proceeds from sales of loans and participations	(338) 13 16 19,779	58 74 41 23 , 240
Disbursements on loans originated for sale		(22,770)
Net cash provided by *used in) operating activities CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Loans disbursed Loan principal collections Purchase of investment securities Proceeds from paydowns, sales and maturities of investment sec. Purchase of office properties and equipment Retained mortgage servicing rights Other, net	(14,990) 13,837 (5,455) 2,698 (122) (12) (118)	1,084 (16,263) 6,640 (2,671) 568 (280) (145) (60)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net change in checking, savings and money market deposits Net change in time deposits Net change in checks issued and payable Net change in short-term Federal Home Loan Bank advances Proceeds from exercise of stock options	(4,162) 4,351 (1,007) (178) (1,000) 119	(12,211) 4,307 (139) 693 (1,000) 29
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	2,285	3,890
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(1,688) 9,121	(7,237) 16,567
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 7,433 ======	\$ 9,330
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Cash paid during the period for: Interest expense Income taxes	\$ 238 \$ 133	\$ 302 \$ 174

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(UNAUDITED)
For the Six Months Ended September 30, 1999
(in thousands of dollars)

	Common Stock		Paid-in	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Retained
	Shares	Amount	Surplus	Investments	Earnings
Balance, March 31, 1999 Stock options exercised Available-for-sale securities	704,774 10,698	\$1,762 27	\$4,322 91	\$ (23)	\$276
adjusted to fair value Net income				(118)	188
Balance, September 30, 1999	715,472	\$1,789	\$4,413	\$(141)	\$464

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands of dollars)

	Three Months Ended		Six Month	
	Sept. 30, 1999	Sept. 30, 1998	Sept. 30, 1999	Sept 30, 1998
Net income Other comprehensive income (loss): Change in unrealized losses on investments and mortgage-backed securities available-for-sale	\$ 103	\$ 100	\$ 188	\$ 286
Tax (expense) benefit	54 (21)	62 (16)	(197) 79	79 (23)
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	33	46	(118)	56
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 136	\$ 146	\$ 70	\$ 342

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

GENERAL:

Notes to the financial statements as of March 31, 1999, which were included in Form 10-KSB, substantially apply to the interim financial statements as of September 30, 1999, presented herein, and are not repeated here.

The amounts set forth in the accompanying consolidated financial statements reflect the adjustments, all of which are of a normal and recurring nature, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the periods reported.

2. INVESTMENTS:

The Bank classifies its investments and mortgage-backed securities as "held-to-maturity" or "available-for-sale" based upon management's intent with respect to the securities. The following summary of the amortized cost basis and fair value by security type as of September 30, 1999, supplements the Notes to the financial statements as of March 31, 1999.

	Amortized Cost		Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Available-for-Sale:				
U.S. Agency obligations	\$ 6,962,508	\$ 8,521	\$(119 , 534)	\$ 6,851,495
SBA Pool Mortgage-backed securities	342,206 8,501,057	0 6,755	(1,222) (129,963)	340,984 8,377,849
	15,805,771	15,276	(250,719)	15,570,328
Held-to-Maturity:				
Mortgage-backed securities U.S. Agency obligations	263,650 499,857	2,144 0	(2,809) (3,767)	262,985 496,090
	763,507	2,144	(6,576)	759,075
Restricted:				
FHLB Stock	626,700			626,700

3. CAPITALIZED SERVICING RIGHTS:

During the quarter and year-to-date ended September 30, 1999, the Bank capitalized \$2,000 and \$12,000, respectively, in connection with originating the right to service mortgage loans. Gain on sale of loans was increased by the same amount. For the same quarter and year-to-date, the capitalized mortgage servicing rights (MSRs) were reduced by amortization in the amount of \$4,000 using the depletion method. The principal balance of the loans serviced at September 30, 1999, was \$22,470,830. At September 30, 1999, the Bank was also servicing \$7,979,267 in mortgage loans on which the value of the MSRs has not been capitalized.

4. STOCK OPTIONS:

On July 21, 1994, the shareholders of the Bank approved a stock option plan which provides for the granting of options to purchase shares of the Bank's common stock to certain directors and key employees. The following table summarizes option activity in this fiscal year. Unless specified, options granted become exercisable immediately. The number of shares and exercise prices have been retroactively adjusted to recognize the effects of stock dividends.

	Exercisable	Not Exercisable	Average Option	Expiration Year
Balance of Options Granted, March 31, 1999	112,717	4,000	\$11.30	2004-2008
Options Granted 05/19/99	8,000		\$20.00	2009
Options Exercised 04/05/99, 05/18/99, and 07/23/99	10,698		\$11.08	2004-2008
Options Vested	2,000	(2,000)	\$18.50	2008-2009
Options Granted 06/17/99		1,000	\$22.00	2009
Balance, September 30, 1999	112,019	3,000	\$12.02	2004-2009

EARNINGS PER SHARE:

The following table reconciles the denominator (shares) of the two calculations of earnings per common share for each period presented on the Statements of Income. There were no differences in the numerators.

Ohanna Tandara bha	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
Shares Used as the Denominator for the Calculation of Earnings Per Share	Sept. 30, 1999	Sept. 30, 1998	Sept. 30, 1999	Sept 30, 1998
Earnings per common share	714,657	702,815	711,168	701,963
Stock options effect	48,852	35,343	47,311	32,265
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution	763,509	738,158	758,479	734,228

The dilutive effect of outstanding stock options is calculated by application of the treasury stock method, which assumes that the proceeds from exercise are used to purchase common stock at the average market price during the period. The incremental shares are included in the denominator of the diluted computation.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The Board of Directors and Stockholders Mountain West Bank Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets and the related statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mountain West Bank (the Bank) as of March 31, 1999 and 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

May 19, 1999

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK
BALANCE SHEETS
MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Interest bearing	\$5,220,751	\$12,728,613
Non-interest bearing	3,900,441	3,838,491
Loans receivable, net		37,823,205
Loans held for sale	2,782,207	
Investments and mortgage-backed securities:	, , , ,	, , .
Available-for-sale, at market	12,819,575	4,877,933
Held-to-maturity, at amortized cost	779,432	1,606,092
Restricted, at cost	604,600	560,500
Accrued interest receivable	455,367	342,085
Mortgage servicing rights, net	278,468	121,350
Office properties and equipment, net	3,407,444	
Real estate owned, net		106,912
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net	389,853	276,561
Deferred income taxes	30,890	
Total assets	\$80,867,145	\$67,135,405
LIABILITIES:		
Deposits	\$70 650 270	\$57,741,470
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle	1,000,000	2,000,000
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	1,483,434	, ,
Checks issued and payable	1,388,027	766,735
Checks issued and payable		
Total liabilities	74,530,731	61,299,358
Commitments (Notes 14 and 15)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Common stock, \$2.50 par value; 1,500,000 shares authorized;		
704,774 and 637,223 shares issued and outstanding	1,761,935	1,593,058
Additional paid-in capital	4,321,507	3,953,985
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(22,895)	
Retained earnings	275,867	311,576
Notation durings		
Total stockholders' equity	6,336,414	5,836,047
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$80,867,145	\$67,135,405
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	1999	1998
INTEREST INCOME: Loans	\$4,123,796	\$3,376,508
Investments and cash equivalents	983,507	
Total interest income	5,107,303	
INTEREST EXPENSE:		
Deposits Other borrowings	1,857,613 62,626	1,556,969 72,095
Total interest expense	1,920,239	
Net interest income	3,187,064	2,297,245
Provision for loan losses	203,318	162,940
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	2,983,746	2,134,305
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Fees and service charges Net gains on sales of loans Net gains on sales of investments and mortgage-backed securities Other	804,960 897,440 17,016 (82,725)	480,240 9,135 538
Total other income	1,636,691	921,934
Operating expenses	3,884,746	2,282,293
Income before income taxes Income tax provision	735,691 275,902	773,946 272,769
Net income	\$459 , 789	\$501,177
Net income per share - basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.88
Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.86
Weighted-average shares outstanding - basic	702 , 956	568,320 ======
Weighted-average shares outstanding - diluted	744,961 ======	579,774 ======

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK
STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
Net income	\$459,789	\$501,177
Other comprehensive income (loss): Change in unrealized losses on available-for-sale investments and mortgage-backed securities	(323)	13,560
Comprehensive income	\$459 , 466	\$514,737 ======

FOR THE TEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1990

	COMMON STOCK ADDITIONAL		COMMON STOCK				COMMON STOCK ADDITIONAL OTHER		RETAINED EARNINGS (ACCUMULATED
	SHARES	AMOUNT	CAPITAL	LOSS	DEFICIT)				
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 1997 Proceeds from stock offering, net Change in unrealized losses on investments	487,223 150,000	\$1,218,058 375,000		\$(36,132)	\$(189,601)				
and mortgage-backed securities Net income				13,560	501 , 177				
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 1998 Shares issued upon exercise of stock options	637,223 3,714	1,593,058 9,285		(22,572)	311,576				
Common stock dividend Cash paid for fractional shares	63,837	159,592	,		(495, 498)				
(\$16.75 per share) Change in unrealized losses on investments			(1,849)						
and mortgage-backed securities Net income				(323)	459,789				
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 1999	704,774 =====	\$1,761,935 =======	\$4,321,507 ======	\$ (22,895) ======	\$ 275,867 ======				

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	1999	1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 459,789	\$ 501,177
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by		
operating activities: Provision for loan losses	203,318	162,940
Depreciation	296,669	224,841
Amortization of premiums and discount on investment and		
mortgage-backed securities	18,257	(1,609)
Amortization of mortgage servicing rights Valuation adjustments on loans held for sale	70,484 10,755	20,307
Valuation adjustments on nortgage servicing rights	62,884	2,260
Net gain on sales of loans	(897,440)	(480,240)
Net gain on investments and mortgage-backed securities	(17,016)	(9,135)
Net loss on sales of real estate owned	4,276	
Net (gain) loss on disposal of office properties and equipment Stock dividends on restricted investment	18,790 (44,100)	(1,772) (23,800)
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	(31,174)	87,082
Change in:	(02/2/2/	0,,002
Accrued interest receivable	(113,282)	(129,090)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(113,292)	(139,947)
Accounts payable and other accrued expenses	692,565	139,992
Proceeds from sales of loans Principal repayments on loans held for sale	52,538,668 5,611	36,717,676 287,878
Disbursements on loans originated for sale	(51,563,803)	(35,173,855)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,601,959	2,184,705
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Principal repayments on loans	8,323,311	13,204,823
Disbursement of loans, net	(27,055,462)	(24,877,785)
Purchase of loans	(431,000)	
Proceeds from sale of loan participations	5,671,471	1,817,031
Principal reductions on available-for-sale investments Proceeds from sale and maturity of available-for-sale investments	1,333,956 3,466,786	260,323 750,000
Purchase of available-for-sale investments	(12,744,982)	(3,315,327)
Principal reductions on held-to-maturity investments	86,494	57,175
Proceeds from maturity of held-to-maturity investments	741,200	2,350,000
Purchase of held-to-maturity investments		(3,079,140)
Proceeds from sale of office properties and equipment Acquisition of office properties and equipment	 (831,788)	5,100 (166,623)
Purchase of restricted investments	(031,700)	(333,200)
Retained mortgage servicing rights	(290,486)	(40,048)
Proceeds from sale of real estate owned	102,636	
Not sook used in investing socialties	(21 627 064)	(12 267 671)
Net cash used in investing activities	(21,627,864)	(13,367,671)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net change in checks issued and payable	621,292	766,735
Net change in commercial demand accounts, NOW, passbook and	021/232	700,700
money market deposits	11,474,074	14,965,356
Proceeds from sales of certificates of deposit	17,773,134	9,266,992
Payments for maturing certificates of deposit	(16,329,408)	(4,314,045)
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle	(1 000 000)	15,741,800
Repayments of advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	(1,000,000)	(15,741,800) 1,922,032
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	42,750	
Cash paid for fractional shares	(1,849)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	12,579,993	22,607,070
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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(7,445,912)	11,424,104
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	16,567,104	5,143,000
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 9,121,192	\$ 16,567,104
cash and cash equivarents, end of year	\$ 9,121,192 =======	=========

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES:		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	\$1,856,402	\$1,615,564
Income taxes	301,800	210,050
Noncash investing activities:		
Transfer of loans held for sale to loans receivable	1,011,978	517,524
Transfer of loans receivable to loans held for sale	74,528	
Issuance of loan for sale of fixed asset	24,000	
Write-off of loans receivable against allowance for loan losses	43,318	6,940
Transfer of loans receivable to real estate owned		106,912
Noncash financing activities: Distribution of stock dividend	495,498	

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

ORGANIZATION

Mountain West Bank (the Bank), formerly Mountain West Savings Bank, F.S.B., was organized on June 12, 1992. The Bank completed its initial public offering of common stock and received its federal charter in September 1993, emerged from the organizational stage and began operations in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in October 1993. In February 1996, the Bank opened a branch operation in Hayden, Idaho; in November 1996, the Bank opened a branch in Post Falls, Idaho; and in November 1998, the Bank opened a branch in Boise, Idaho.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Bank considers cash equivalents to be any highly liquid debt instrument purchased with a remaining maturity of three months or less. Periodically, the Bank invests excess funds not presently being used for lending purposes with other financial institutions in amounts that, at times, are in excess of federal insurance limits. The Bank considers the credit worthiness of the financial institution in making its investment decisions and presently invests most excess funds with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle.

LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balance less any deferred loan fees, net of direct loan origination costs and an allowance for loan losses.

ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

An allowance for loan losses is recorded based on the Bank's evaluation of past loan experience, known and inherent risks in the portfolio, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, the estimated value of any underlying collateral and current economic and geographic conditions. Such evaluation, which includes a review of impaired loans which may not be fully collectible, is based on the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or the estimated fair value, net of selling costs, of the underlying collateral. A provision for loan losses, when determined necessary, is charged to operations based on management's evaluation of the probable losses that may occur in its loan portfolio.

The accrual of interest and amortization of net deferred loan fees cease on any loan when either principal or interest becomes 90 days past due.

LOAN ORIGINATION AND COMMITMENT FEES

Loan origination fees, net of certain specifically defined direct loan origination costs, are deferred and recognized as interest income using the level yield interest method over the contractual term of each loan adjusted for actual loan prepayment experience. If the related loan is sold, the remaining net amount deferred, which is part of the basis of the loan, is considered in determining the gain or loss on sale.

Loan commitment fees are deferred until the expiration of the commitment period unless management believes there is a remote likelihood that the underlying commitment will be exercised, in which case the fees are amortized to fee income using the straight-line method over the commitment period. If a loan commitment is exercised, the deferred commitment fee is accounted for in the same manner as a loan origination fee. Deferred commitment fees associated with expired commitments are recognized as fee income.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:

LOANS HELD FOR SALE

Loans held for sale are carried at the lower of cost or market value as determined on an individual loan basis. Any loan that management determines will not be held to maturity is classified as held for sale. Market value is determined based on published quotes for loans with comparable interest rates and maturities. Unrealized losses on loans held for sale are recognized through a valuation allowance by a charge to operations as incurred.

INVESTMENTS AND MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES

The accounting policies related to investments and mortgage-backed securities are as follows:

- AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE. Debt and equity securities that will be held for indefinite periods of time, including securities that may be sold in response to changes in market interest or prepayment rates, needs for liquidity and changes in the availability and the yield of alternative investments are classified as available-for-sale. These assets are carried at market value. Market value is determined using published quotes as of the balance sheet date. Unrealized gains and losses are excluded from operations and recognized in other comprehensive income.
- HELD-TO-MATURITY. Debt securities that management has the positive intent and ability to hold until maturity are classified as held-to-maturity and are carried at their remaining unpaid principal balance, net of unamortized premiums or unaccreted discounts. Premiums are amortized and discounts are accreted using the level yield interest method over the estimated remaining term of the underlying security.
- RESTRICTED. Equity security investments in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (FHLB-Seattle) are recorded at cost and are evaluated annually for impairment. Cash and stock dividends are recorded in income as received.

Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments and mortgage-backed securities are recognized using the specific identification method.

MORTGAGE SERVICING RIGHTS

The Bank capitalizes as a separate asset the rights to service mortgage loans for others on loans that are originated and sold with retained servicing rights. Mortgage servicing rights are valued at fair value, based on observable market prices quoted for servicing rights for comparable loans.

The Bank assesses the impairment of the mortgage servicing rights on a disaggregated basis. The servicing portfolio is stratified by predominant risk characteristic (loan type, rate and term) and valued using current observable market prices. In the event that the carrying value of the mortgage servicing rights of any stratum exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in operations. A decline in interest rates most likely will result in increased prepayment rates, which would accelerate the amortization of these mortgage servicing rights

The mortgage servicing rights are amortized using the depletion method in proportion to and over the estimated term of the servicing income.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:

OFFICE PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT

Office properties and equipment are carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or the term of the related lease. Expenditures for new properties and equipment and major renewals or betterments are capitalized. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to operations as incurred. Upon sale or retirement of property or equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gains or losses are reflected in operations.

The Bank's policy is to review its properties and equipment for impairment in value whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

REAL ESTATE OWNED

Real estate owned includes property acquired through foreclosure in satisfaction of the related loan receivable. Real estate owned is carried at the lower of cost or fair value less estimated costs to sell at foreclosure.

An allowance for losses on real estate owned is established to include amounts for estimated losses as a result of an impairment in value of the real property. The Bank reviews its real estate owned for impairment in value whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the property may not be recoverable. In performing the review, if expected future undiscounted cash flow from the use of the property or the fair value, less selling costs, from the disposition of the property is less than its carrying value, an impairment loss is recognized.

INCOME TAXES

The Bank accounts for income taxes using the liability method, which requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be determined based on the temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities and tax attributes using enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse.

NET INCOME PER SHARE

Net income per share - basic is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. Net income per share - diluted is computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding increased by the dilutive effect associated with additional shares that would have been outstanding if the dilutive potential shares had been issued.

All weighted-average shares outstanding and per-share amounts have been retroactively restated to reflect the 10% common stock dividend which occurred during the year ended March 31, 1999 (see Note 9).

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

During the year ended March 31, 1999, the Bank adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income" (SFAS No. 130). SFAS No. 130 establishes standards for reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components (revenues, expenses, gains and losses) in a full set of general- purpose financial statements. This Statement requires that all items required to be recognized under accounting standards as components of comprehensive income be reported in a financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as other financial statements. SFAS No. 130 requires the change in unrealized losses on investments and mortgage-backed securities classified as available for sale to be included in comprehensive income. The financial statements as of and for the year ended March 31, 1998 have been reclassified to conform to this Statement.

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1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME, CONTINUED

Reclassification adjustments, representing the net gains on available-for-sale securities that were realized during the period, were as follows:

Year ended March 31, 1999 \$12,188 Year ended March 31, 1998 --

These gains had previously been included in other comprehensive income as a component of unrealized losses on investments and mortgage-backed securities available for sale.

ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts in the 1998 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or retained earnings as previously reported.

2. LOANS RECEIVABLE:

The Bank originates residential and commercial real estate, consumer and commercial loans. Generally, most loans are collateralized by real property located in Kootenai and Ada counties, Idaho and bordering areas. At March 31, 1999 and 1998, the Bank had \$2,303,417 and \$1,464,764, respectively, of commercial and consumer loans that did not have specific collateral.

The components of loans receivable and their original scheduled maturities at March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

	1999	1998	ORIGINAL MATURITY
Real estate loans: Single family	\$16.399.066	\$18,315,891	5-30 years
Multi-family		419,708	4
Construction		2,329,876	_
Commercial	13,094,835	4,872,100	1-15 years
Home equity	3,528,854	3,854,926	20 years
Consumer	2,977,265	884 , 528	1-15 years
	39,720,941	, ,	
Other commercial loans		4,421,772	-
Consumer loans	2,680,025	3,123,350	1-10 years
Total loans receivable Deferred loan fees, net of direct loan origination costs Allowance for loan losses	50,796,774 (63,657)		
Loans receivable, net	\$50,198,117 =======	\$37,823,205 ======	
Weighted-average interest rate	8.34%	8.80%	

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2. LOANS RECEIVABLE, CONTINUED:

At March 31, 1999 and 1998, loans receivable with balances of \$27,416,465 and \$24,798,468, respectively, were subject to adjustable interest rates. The remaining loans outstanding of \$23,380,309 and \$13,423,683 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively, were at fixed rates ranging from 4.62% to 15.75% and 5.00% to 15.50%, respectively.

Included above are outstanding balances of \$4,830,637 and \$1,994,325 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively, representing the Bank's interest in loans under participation agreements with other lenders. The outstanding principal balance of these loans was \$19,258,534 and \$6,905,756 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. These loans bear interest at annual rates ranging from 7.50% to 11.50% and from 7.75% to 12.25% at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The Bank acts as the servicer on these loans.

The following is an analysis of the changes in net deferred loan fees for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998:

	1999	1998	
Beginning balance	\$ 23,946	\$ 29,415	
Fees collected	993,542	657 , 184	
Loan origination costs	(824,299)	(568,571)	
Fees amortized	(119,888)	(78,844)	
Fees recognized on sales of loans	(5,630)	(5,426)	
Fees passed to investors	(4,014)	(9,812)	
Ending balance	\$ 63,657	\$ 23,946	

Expenses which are capitalized as loan origination costs include employee compensation for certain specified activities in originating loans as well as incremental direct costs. For residential real estate loans, the Bank uses the functional method of accumulating the cost information, which results in a standard origination cost per loan. This cost per loan is updated periodically throughout the fiscal year. For other loans, the origination costs are based on the actual costs incurred.

The following is an analysis of the changes in the allowances for loan losses for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998:

	1999	1998
Beginning balance Provision for loan losses Write offs	\$375,000 203,318 (43,318)	\$219,000 162,940 (6,940)
Ending balance	\$535 , 000	\$375,000

The following is a summary of loans that are not performing in accordance with their original contractual terms at March 31, 1999 and 1998:

	1999	1998
Nonaccrual loans (A) Restructured loans (B)	\$ 205,437	\$ 82,855 222,471
Total nonperforming loans	\$205,437 ======	\$305,326 ======

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2. LOANS RECEIVABLE, CONTINUED:

(A) The accrual of interest and amortization of net deferred loan fees are discontinued when either principal or interest become 90 days past due, unless the loan meets specific criteria. A loan also may be put on nonaccrual if, in management's judgment, the loan may be uncollectible. Interest income on nonaccrual loans is recognized as collected. There was a specific allowance for loan losses of \$5,243 related to these loans at March 31, 1998.

For loans on nonaccrual status at March 31, 1998, additional gross interest income of \$2,500 would have been recorded during the year ended March 31, 1998, if such loans had been current in accordance with their original contractual terms. Interest income of \$24,000 was recorded during the year ended March 31, 1998 in connection with such loans.

The average recorded investment in impaired loans was approximately \$41,000 during the year ended March 31, 1998.

(B) Restructured loans occur when the Bank has agreed to compromise the contractual loan terms to provide a reduction in the rate of interest and, in most instances, an extension of payments of principal or interest, or both, because of a deterioration in the financial position of the borrower. Restructured loans performing in accordance with their new terms are not included in nonaccrual loans unless there is uncertainty as to the ultimate collection of principal or interest.

The Bank also provides for probable loan losses on loans that are currently performing based on historical and peer group loss experiences on various types of loans. These estimates can be affected by changes in the economic environment in Kootenai and Ada counties, Idaho. As a result of changing economic conditions, it is reasonably possible that the amount of the allowance for loan losses could change in the near term.

3. LOANS HELD FOR SALE:

The Bank has sold loans with outstanding principal balances of \$51,641,229 and \$36,237,436 during the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and to other investors and recognized net gains of \$897,440 and \$480,240, respectively. The Bank acts as the servicer on the FHLMC and FNMA loans.

Loans serviced for others are not included in the financial statements. The unpaid principal balances of these loans are summarized as follows at March 31, 1999 and 1998:

	1999	1998
Loan portfolios serviced for:		
-	\$20 276 706	¢00 001 4F1
FHLMC	\$30 , 276 , 706	\$22 , 091 , 451
FNMA	741,955	1,034,981
Others	14,618,033	4,911,431
	\$45,636,694	\$28,037,863
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Custodial escrow balances maintained in connection with the foregoing loan servicing were approximately \$253,000 and \$81,000 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

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3. LOANS HELD FOR SALE, CONTINUED:

The following is an analysis of the changes in mortgage servicing rights associated with loans serviced for others for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998:

Ending balance	\$278,468 ======	\$121,350 ======
Beginning balance Retained mortgage servicing rights Amortization of mortgage servicing rights Valuation adjustments	\$121,350 290,486 (70,484) (62,884)	\$103,869 40,048 (20,307) (2,260)
	1999 	1998

The accumulated valuation allowances for mortgage servicing rights at March 31, 1999 and 1998 were \$65,144 and \$2,260, respectively.

4. INVESTMENTS AND MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES:

A summary of the amortized cost and fair values of investments and mortgage-backed securities as of March 31, 1999 and 1998 is as follows:

	1999			
	AMORTIZED COST	GROSS UNREALIZED GAINS	GROSS UNREALIZED LOSSES	FAIR VALUE
Available-for-Sale: U.S. Government and agency obligations Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 5,882,233 6,960,237		\$ (18,197) (16,819)	\$ 5,865,725
	\$12,842,470 ======	\$12 , 121	\$(35,016) =====	\$12,819,575 ======
Held-to-Maturity: U.S. Government and agency obligations Mortgage-backed securities	\$ 499,835 279,597	\$ 942 2,244	\$ (1,144)	\$ 500,777 280,697
Restricted:	\$ 779,432	\$ 3,186 =====	\$ (1,144) ======	\$ 781,474 =======
Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle (FHLB) stock	\$ 604,600			

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4. INVESTMENTS AND MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, CONTINUED:

	AMORTIZED COST	GROSS UNREALIZED GAINS	GROSS UNREALIZED LOSSES	FAIR VALUE
Available-for-Sale:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$4,320,315	\$ 872	\$(28,752)	\$4,292,435
Mortgage-backed securities	580,190	5,388	(80)	585,498
	\$4,900,505	\$ 6,260	\$(28,832)	\$4,877,933
	======	=====	======	======
Held-to-Maturity: U.S. Government and agency obligations Mortgage-backed securities	\$1,240,242	\$ 6,683	\$ (2,656)	\$1,246,925
	365,850	6,979		370,173
	\$1,606,092	\$13,662	\$ (2,656)	\$1,617,098
	======	=====	======	=======
Restricted: Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle stock	\$ 560,500 ======			

At March 31, 1999, all securities were performing in accordance with their contractual terms.

The FHLB stock is restricted in that it can only be sold back to the FHLB or to another member institution at its par value. The Bank intends to hold the stock as a long-term investment. The FHLB stock does not have a readily determinable fair value due to its lack of marketability and restrictive nature.

Accrued interest receivable related to the investments and mortgage-backed securities was \$144,015 and \$91,765 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

The contractual maturities of investments and mortgage-backed securities at March 31, 1999 are as follows:

	AMORTIZED COST	FAIR VALUE
Available-for-sale: After one year through five years After five years through ten years After ten years	\$ 5,877,310 2,988,820 3,976,340	
	\$12,842,470 ======	\$12,819,575 ======
Held-to-maturity:		
After five years through ten years After ten years	\$ 499,835 279,597	\$ 500,777 280,697
	\$ 779,432	\$ 781,474 =======

5. OFFICE PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT:

The components of office properties and equipment at March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

	1999	1998	ESTIMATED USEFUL LIFE
Land Buildings Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 565,853 2,008,444 1,543,538	\$ 565,853 1,827,084 1,034,145	31-40 years 3-10 years
	4,117,835	3,427,082	
Less accumulated depreciation	(710,391)	(511 , 967)	
	\$3,407,444 ======	\$2,915,115 ======	

6. DEPOSITS:

The components of deposits at March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

	1999	1998
Demand accounts (non-interest bearing commercial and consumer)	\$15,776,953	\$14,723,723
NOW accounts, 1.50% and 2.00%	11,497,451	8,115,890
Savings accounts, 2.50% and 3.40%	4,846,559	2,946,079
Money market demand accounts, 3.40%	19,513,362	14,374,558
	51,634,325	40,160,251
Certificate accounts:		
4.00 to 4.99%	12,983,268	3,176,802
5.00 to 5.99%	5,391,498	13,063,574
6.00 to 6.99%	650 , 179	
	19,024,945	17,581,219
Total deposits	\$70,659,270	\$57,741,470
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The weighted-average interest rate on deposit accounts at March 31, 1999 and 1998 was approximately 2.66% and 3.06%, respectively.

Included above are aggregate balances of \$31,494,238 and \$25,865,661 of individual deposits greater than \$100,000 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively, of which \$10,492,882 and \$8,623,278, respectively, represent balances in certificates accounts.

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6. DEPOSITS, CONTINUED:

At March 31, 1999, the amounts and scheduled maturities of certificate accounts were as follows:

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE INTEREST RATE	AMOUNT
2000 2001 2002 2003 2004	4.75% 5.22 5.48 5.68 5.03	\$17,950,977 783,734 231,094 7,780 51,360
		\$19,024,945 =======

The components of interest expense on deposits for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

	1999			1998
Demand and NOW accounts	\$	154,916	\$	133,736
Savings accounts		92,791		71,759
Money market demand accounts		716,750		543,540
Certificate accounts		893,156		807,934
	\$1	,857,613	\$1	L,556,969
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7. ADVANCES FROM THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF SEATTLE:

The Bank has an available line-of-credit agreement from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Seattle in an authorized amount equal to 20% of the Bank's total assets. At March 31, 1999, the Bank's total availability under this line-of-credit agreement was approximately \$16,270,000. The line is subject to variable rates of interest. The weighted-average interest rate on the advances outstanding was 6.25% at March 31, 1999.

The advances outstanding from the FHLB of Seattle at March 31, 1999 are as follows:

Interest at 6.30%, matures June 7, 2000, collateralized
by a blanket security agreement

\$ 500,000

Interest at 6.19%, matures April 2, 1999, collateralized
by a blanket security agreement

500,000

\$1,000,000

At March 31, 1999, the scheduled maturity of these advances is as follows:

YEAR ENDING	
MARCH 31,	
2000	
2001	

\$ 500,000 500,000

\$1,000,000

8. INCOME TAXES:

The components of the Bank's income tax provision for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

	1999	1998
Current provision: Federal State	\$279,107 27,969	\$176,974 8,713
	307,076	185,687
Deferred provision (benefit): Federal State	(24,845) (6,329)	87 , 044 38
	(31,174)	87 , 082
Income tax provision	\$275 , 902	\$272 , 769

The tax effect of the primary temporary differences and tax attributes giving rise to the Bank's deferred tax assets and liabilities at March 31, 1999 and 1998 is as follows:

	1999		19	98
	ASSETS	LIABILITIES	ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Allowance for loan losses Office properties and equipment Deferred loan fees Organizational and start-up costs	\$181,900	\$ 81,006 51,601	\$127,500 5,891	\$ 67,891 48,854
Other	6,050	24,453		16,930
Total deferred income taxes	\$187 , 950	\$157,060 =====	\$133,391 ======	\$133 , 675

At March 31, 1998, the net deferred tax liability is included in accounts payable and other accrued expenses.

A reconciliation of the income tax provision to an amount as computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to income before income taxes for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 follows:

	1999		1998	
	AMOUNT	RATIO	AMOUNT	RATIO
Income tax provision at federal statutory rate Tax effect of:	\$250,135	34.0%	\$263,142	34.0%
State taxes (net of federal tax benefit)	14,282	1.9	5,751	0.7
Other	11,485	1.6	3,876	0.5
	\$275 , 902	37.5%	\$272 , 769	35.2%
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9. COMMON STOCK:

The Board of Directors of the Bank approved a 10% common stock dividend and paid \$16.75 for all fractional shares resulting from the stock dividend, which was distributable to stockholders on July 16, 1998. The stock dividend resulted in the issuance of 63,837 common shares and the payment of \$1,849. All weighted-average shares, per-share amounts, options outstanding and exercise prices have been retroactively restated to reflect the stock dividend.

On February 12, 1998, the Bank completed an offering of its common stock. The common stock offering resulted in the issuance of 150,000 common shares at \$13.00 per share. The net proceeds received from the common stock offering were \$1,922,032.

10. REGULATORY MATTERS:

In connection with the insurance of its deposits by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and general regulatory oversight by the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), the Bank is required to maintain minimum levels of regulatory capital.

The OTS adopted final rules, effective December 19, 1992, to implement certain provisions of the FDIC Improvement Act of 1991 (FDICIA) establishing five capital tiers: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized, and critically undercapitalized. At March 31, 1999 and 1998, the Bank was considered "well capitalized."

The minimum capital requirements, well capitalized capital requirements and the Bank's actual capital amounts at March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows (rounded to thousands):

	MINIMUM CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS		WELL CAPITALIZED REQUIREMENTS		ACTUAL	
	AMOUNT	RATIO	AMOUNT	RATIO	AMOUNT	RATIO
As of March 31, 1999:						
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$4,382,000	8.00%	\$5,478,000	10.00%	\$6,894,000	12.59%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	2,191,000	4.00	3,286,000	6.00	6,359,000	11.61
Tier I Capital (to Adjusted Assets)	3,235,000	4.00	4,044,000	5.00	6,359,000	7.86
As of March 31, 1998:						
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$3,266,000	8.00%	\$4,083,000	10.00%	\$6,229,000	15.26%
Tier I Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	1,633,000	4.00	2,450,000	6.00	5,859,000	14.35
Tier I Capital (to Adjusted Assets)	2,686,000	4.00	3,358,000	5.00	5,859,000	8.72

Management expects that the Bank will remain in compliance with applicable regulatory capital requirements, although there can be no assurance in this regard.

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10. REGULATORY MATTERS, CONTINUED:

The following is a reconciliation between regulatory capital and stockholders' equity as reported in these financial statements at March 31, 1999 and 1998 (rounded to thousands):

	1999	1998
Stockholders' equity Adjustments: Unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities	\$6,336,000 23,000	\$5,836,000 23,000
Regulatory tangible and core capital Adjustments: Allowance for loan losses (less amounts specifically reserved)	6,359,000 535,000	5,859,000 370,000
Regulatory risk-based capital	\$6,894,000 ======	\$6,229,000 ======

On May 19, 1999, the Board of Directors authorized management to file an application with the State of Idaho to convert its charter to a state chartered commercial bank. As a result, the Bank will become regulated by the State of Idaho Department of Finance rather than by the OTS. Regulation by the Idaho Department of Finance could subject the Bank to requirements that are not currently applicable under OTS regulation. At this time, the Bank does not expect that the charter change would significantly alter its regulatory capital requirements or impact its operations.

11. STOCK OPTION PLAN:

The Bank has adopted a formal stock option plan for the benefit of its directors and key employees. The Bank has granted options to purchase shares of its common stock at exercise prices equal to the fair market value of the common stock at the date of the grant. Most options are exercisable immediately and expire in 10 years from the date of grant. At March 31, 1999, 11,344 options are available to be granted.

The Bank has chosen not to record compensation expense using fair value measurement principles. Had compensation cost for the Bank's Plan been determined based on the fair value at the grant dates for awards under the Plan, the Bank's net income and net income per share for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below.

	1999		199	8
	AS	PRO	AS	PRO
	REPORTED	FORMA	REPORTED	FORMA
Net income	\$459,789	\$321,208	\$501,177	\$290,848
Net income per share - basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.51
Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.50

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the minimum value method with the following weighted-average assumptions used for grants during the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998: dividend yield of 0%, risk-free interest rates of 5.54% to 6.68% and expected lives of 10 years.

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11. STOCK OPTION PLAN, CONTINUED:

The summary of the status of the Plan as of March 31, 1999 and 1998 and changes during the years then ended is presented below:

	1999		1998	
	SHARES	WEIGHTED- AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE	SHARES	WEIGHTED- AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
Outstanding at beginning of year Granted Expired or terminated Options exercised Increase due to common stock dividend	31,000 (6,600)	\$ 11.20 16.23 (13.00) (11.51) 	37,564 48,488 (500) 	
Outstanding at end of year	116,717 ======	\$ 11.30	85 , 552	\$ 11.20
Options exercisable at year end	112,717		85 , 552	
Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year	\$ 7.15 ======		\$ 6.67 =====	

The following table summarizes information about the Plan's stock options at March 31, 1999:

OPTIONS OUTSTANDING AND EXERCISABLE

	NUMBER		WEIGHTED-AVERAGE	
RANGE OF	OUTSTANDING AT	NUMBER EXERCISABLE	REMAINING	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE
EXERCISE PRICES	MARCH 31, 1999	AT MARCH 31, 1999	CONTRACTUAL LIFE	EXERCISE PRICE
\$7.00-7.99	11,713	11,713	5.3 years	\$7.34
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8.00-8.99	24,624	24,624	5.6 years	8.26
10.00-10.99	2,420	2,420	7.2 years	10.54
11.00-11.99	50,860	50,860	8.7 years	11.74
14.00-14.99	23,100	23,100	9.0 years	14.55
17.00-17.99	3,000		9.4 years	17.00
20.00-20.99	1,000		9.8 years	20.00
	116,717	112,717		
	110,717	112,717		

All exercise prices, options outstanding and weighted-average exercise prices have been retroactively restated to reflect the 10% stock dividend in July 1998. Additionally, the Plan provides that any outstanding options will be adjusted to reflect stock dividends. Accordingly, total shares under option were increased by 10,479 shares due to the stock dividend in July 1998.

On May 19, 1999, the Bank granted 8,000 stock options at an exercise price of \$20.00 per share.

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12. OPERATING EXPENSES:

The components of total operating expenses for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

	1999	1998
Employee compensation and benefits	\$1,650,998	\$1,014,749
Occupancy, utilities and equipment	420,875	224,590
Depreciation Data processing	296,669 351,852	224,841 235,155
Insurance FDIC assessments	21,268 34,011	21,535 45,713
Professional services	110,424	79,954
Promotion Other	339,093 659,556	114,154 321,602
	\$3,884,746	\$2,282,293

13. NET INCOME PER SHARE:

The following table presents a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators used in the basic and diluted net income per share computations.

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		AVERAGE	
	NET INCOME (NUMERATOR)	SHARES (DENOMINATOR)	PER SHARE AMOUNTS
March 31, 1999:			
Net income per share - basic	\$459,789	702,956	\$0.65
Effect of dilutive stock options		42,005	
Net income per share - diluted	\$459,789	744,961	\$0.62
	=======	======	,
March 31, 1998:	4504 455	5.60.000	**
Net income per share - basic	\$501 , 177	568,320	\$0.88
Effect of dilutive stock options		11,454	
Net income per share - diluted	\$501,177	579 , 774	\$0.86
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14. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Bank has entered into loan transactions with its directors, senior officers, significant stockholders and their affiliates. The aggregate amount of outstanding loans to such related parties at March 31, 1999 was \$566,887, and an additional \$283,259 was authorized but not disbursed as of such date. These loans include commercial and consumer installment loans and lines of credit, bear interest at rates from 6.75% to 13.50%, and have original terms from 1 to 20 years. Virtually all loans have outstanding principal balances greater than \$60,000. The aggregate amount of outstanding loans to related parties at March 31, 1998 was \$463,169.

The Bank has outstanding deposit balances with its directors, senior officers, significant stockholders and their affiliates of \$5,023,304 and \$3,507,233 at March 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

During the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, the Bank purchased credit reports from a credit bureau owned by one of its directors for \$36,384\$ and \$28,643, respectively.

The Bank leases land from one of its directors for the Hayden branch. The lease expires in the year 2015 and the Bank has the option to renew the lease for a total of three successive five-year periods. Total rent expense associated with this lease was \$38,400 during each of the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998.

The Bank leases office space from a partnership owned by two of its directors. The lease expires in the year 2003 and the Bank has the option to renew the lease for an additional five-year period. The rent expense associated with this lease during the year ended March 31, 1999 was \$18,552. There was no rent expense associated with this lease during the year ended March 31, 1998.

In fiscal 1999, the Bank entered into three additional operating lease agreements to lease office space from a partnership owned by two of its directors. The leases expire in the years 2003 and 2004. The Bank has the option to renew the leases for additional five-year periods. Total rent expense associated with these leases was \$12,273 during the year ended March 31, 1999.

At March 31, 1999, the minimum future rental payments due over the remaining term of the noncancellable leases with related parties are as follows:

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	MINIMUM FUTURE RENTAL COMMITMENTS
2000	\$154,404
2001	121,969
2002	100,234
2003	102,440
2004	67,366
Thereafter	450,100
	\$996,513
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15. COMMITMENTS:

At March 31, 1999, the Bank had loan commitments to borrowers totaling \$9,559,673. Commitments, which are disbursed subject to certain limitations, extend over various periods of time, with the majority of the funds expected to be disbursed within a twelve-month period. The commitments are for single family residential loans, commercial real estate loans, commercial loans and consumer loans that have credit risks similar to the Bank's existing portfolio.

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15. COMMITMENTS, CONTINUED:

At March 31, 1999, the Bank had made available various secured and unsecured commercial and personal lines of credit totaling approximately \$19,567,845, of which the undisbursed portion is approximately \$10,262,093. These lines of credit provide for periodic adjustment to market rates of interest, and have credit risk similar to the Bank's existing portfolio. The Bank has not historically realized credit losses due to these off-balance sheet commitments. Based on this fact and the Bank's analysis of the undisbursed portion of these lines of credit, no specific valuation allowances were recorded for these off-balance sheet commitments at March 31, 1999.

The Bank had undisbursed construction loan commitments at March 31, 1999 of \$2,345,251. These loans are made at fixed interest rates and are short-term in nature.

The Bank had commitments to sell loans to investors of 8,266,992 at March 31, 1999.

16. PROFIT-SHARING PLAN:

The Bank maintains a profit sharing plan (the Plan) authorized under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, available for all employees who are 21 years of age or older. Employees may make elective deferrals in any amount from 1% to 15% of their compensation. The Bank makes a matching contribution of 50% of an employee's contribution up to a maximum of 6% of the employee's compensation. The Bank's contributions to the Plan during the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 were \$39,751 and \$22,057, respectively.

17. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

Fair value estimates are determined as of a specific date in time utilizing quoted market prices, where available, or various assumptions and estimates. As the assumptions underlying these estimates change, the fair value of the financial instruments will change. The use of assumptions and various valuation techniques, as well as the absence of secondary markets for certain financial instruments, will likely reduce the comparability of fair value disclosures between financial institutions. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent and should not be construed to represent the full underlying value of the Bank.

The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair values of each class of financial instruments are as follows:

CASH AND CASH EOUIVALENTS

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value due to the relatively short-term and highly liquid nature of these instruments.

AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE SECURITIES AND HELD-TO-MATURITY INVESTMENTS

Fair value of investment securities is based on quoted market prices. If quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on quoted market prices of comparable instruments.

LOANS HELD FOR SALE

Fair values are based on the estimated value at which the loans could be sold in the secondary market.

17. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, CONTINUED:

LOANS RECEIVABLE

The fair values of performing residential mortgage loans and home equity loans are estimated using current market comparable information for securitizable mortgages, adjusting for credit and other relevant characteristics. The fair values of performing commercial real estate construction and permanent financing, and consumer loans are estimated by discounting the expected cash flows using interest rates that consider the current credit and interest rate risk inherent in the loans and current economic and lending conditions.

MORTGAGE SERVICING RIGHTS

The fair values of mortgage servicing rights are estimated using quoted market rates from a mortgage banking institution.

DEPOSITS

The fair values for deposits subject to immediate withdrawal such as interest and non-interest checking, passbook savings, and NOW accounts and money market deposit accounts, are equal to the amount payable on demand at the reporting date (i.e., their carrying amount on the balance sheet). The carrying amounts for variable-rate certificates of deposit and other time deposits approximate their fair value at the reporting date. Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposits are estimated by discounting future cash flows using interest rates currently offered on time deposits with similar remaining maturities.

ADVANCES FROM THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF SEATTLE

The fair value of borrowings from the FHLB approximates its carrying value due to the fact that the borrowings bear variable (current) interest rates.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The amounts shown under carrying value represent accruals or deferred income (fees) arising from the related unrecognized financial instruments. Fair value for the Bank's off-balance sheet instruments (lending commitment, selling commitments) are based on current settlement values; current quoted market prices; fees and interest rates currently charged to enter into similar agreements, taking into account the remaining terms of the agreements and the counterparties' credit standing.

	MARCH 3	1, 1999	MARCH 31, 1998		
	CARRYING	FAIR	CARRYING	FAIR	
	AMOUNT	VALUE	AMOUNT	VALUE	
Financial assets: Cash and cash equivalents Loans held for sale	\$9,121,192	\$9,121,192	\$16,567,104	\$16,567,104	
	2,782,207	2,782,207	1,938,548	1,938,548	
Loans receivable, net Investments and mortgage-backed securities:	50,198,117	49,929,009	37,823,205	37,907,312	
Available-for-sale	12,819,575	12,819,575	4,877,933	4,877,933	
Held-to-maturity	779,432	781,474	1,606,092	1,617,098	
Mortgage servicing rights	278,468	278,468	121,350	121,350	

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17. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, CONTINUED:

	MARCH 31, 1999		MARCH 31, 1998	
	CARRYING AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE	CARRYING AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
Financial liabilities:				
Non-maturity deposits	51,634,325	51,634,325	40,160,251	40,160,251
Deposits with stated maturities	19,024,945	19,107,875	17,581,219	17,600,038
Advances from FHLB Seattle	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Off-balance sheet financial				
instruments:				
Commitments to disburse loans	22,167,017	22,167,017	13,734,533	13,734,533
Commitments to sell loans	8,266,992	8,266,992	4,014,992	4,014,992

18. INTEREST RATE RISK:

The results of operations for savings institutions may be materially and adversely affected by changes in prevailing economic conditions, including rapid changes in interest rates, declines in real estate market values and the monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government. Like all financial institutions, the Bank's net interest income and its NPV (the net present value of financial assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet financial instruments) are subject to fluctuations in interest rates. Currently, the Bank's interest-bearing liabilities, consisting primarily of savings deposits, certificate accounts and FHLB Seattle advances, mature or reprice more rapidly, or on different terms, than do its interest-earning assets. The fact that liabilities mature or reprice more frequently on average than assets may be beneficial in times of declining interest rates; however, such an asset/liability structure may result in declining net interest income during periods of rising interest rates.

Additionally, the extent to which borrowers prepay loans is affected by prevailing interest rates. When interest rates increase, borrowers are less likely to prepay loans; whereas when interest rates decrease, borrowers are more likely to prepay loans. Prepayments may affect the levels of loans retained in an institution's portfolio, as well as its net interest income. The Bank maintains an asset and liability management program intended to manage net interest income through interest rate cycles and to protect its NPV by controlling its exposure to changing interest rates.

Management is aware of the sources of interest rate risk and endeavors to actively monitor and manage its interest rate risk although there can be no assurance regarding the management of interest rate risk in future periods.

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PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER

BETWEEN

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

AND

NEW MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

UPON ITS FORMATION BY

GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

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SECTION

PLAN AND AGREEMENT OF MERGER
BETWEEN
MOUNTAIN WEST BANK
AND
NEW MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

UPON ITS FORMATION BY GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

This Plan and Agreement of Merger (the "Agreement"), dated as of September 9, 1999, is between MOUNTAIN WEST BANK ("Mountain West") and GLACIER BANCORP, INC. ("Glacier"), acting on its own behalf and on behalf of an Idaho banking corporation to be formed by it under the title NEW MOUNTAIN WEST BANK (the "New Bank").

PREAMBLE

The management and boards of directors of Glacier and Mountain West, respectively, believe that the proposed transaction between Glacier and Mountain West, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, is in the best interests of Glacier's and Mountain West's stockholders.

RECITALS

- THE PARTIES. The parties to the Merger are as follows:
- (1) Mountain West is a state-chartered banking corporation duly organized and validly existing under Idaho law with its principal office located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- (2) Glacier is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under Delaware law and is a registered bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended ("BHCA"). Glacier's principal office is located in Kalispell, Montana. Glacier owns (1) all of the outstanding common stock of Glacier Bank, First Security Bank of Missoula, Valley Bank of Helena, and Big Sky Western Bank; and (2) 94 and 98% of the outstanding common stock of Glacier Bank of Whitefish and Glacier Bank of Eureka, respectively.
- (3) New Bank will be organized by persons designated by Glacier who will, upon execution of this Agreement by Mountain West and Glacier, apply for preliminary approval from the State of Idaho for New Bank to become an interim state banking corporation. Upon receipt of such preliminary approval, New Bank will become a body corporate and will execute this Agreement, thereby becoming a party hereto and ratifying all prior actions taken on its behalf by Glacier. All of the capital stock of New Bank will be subscribed for solely by Glacier, and the consideration for such stock will be paid in before the Effective Date.
- B. THE MERGER. On the Effective Date, all of the outstanding shares of Mountain West common stock will be exchanged for shares of Glacier Common Stock, and Mountain West will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Glacier.
- C. BOARD APPROVALS. Glacier's and Mountain West's respective boards of directors have approved this Agreement and authorized its execution and delivery.

- O. OTHER APPROVALS. The Merger is subject to:
 - (1) Satisfaction of the conditions described in this Agreement;
 - (2) Approval by Mountain West's stockholders; and
 - (3) Approval or acquiescence, as appropriate, by (a) the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("Federal Reserve Board"), (b) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), and (c) the State of Idaho (collectively, "Regulatory Approvals").
- E. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS. Mountain West has entered into an employment agreement, effective as of the Effective Date, with Jon W. Hippler, Mountain West's President and Chief Executive Officer. In addition to remaining as Mountain West's President and CEO, Mr. Hippler will also be appointed to the Glacier board of directors. It is anticipated that Mountain West will also enter into employment agreements with Robert Beck, Diane Reed, Ronn C. Rich and Paula Smyly.
- F. DIRECTOR AGREEMENTS. In association with the parties' execution of this Agreement, the directors and officers of Mountain West have entered into agreements, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A, pursuant to which, among other things, each such individual has agreed to vote his or her shares of Mountain West common stock in favor of the actions contemplated by this Agreement. In addition, all such directors and officers have entered into non-competition agreements, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B.
- G. FAIRNESS OPINION. Mountain West has received from Columbia Financial Advisors ("Columbia") and delivered to Glacier an opinion to the effect that the financial terms of the Transaction are financially fair to Mountain West's stockholders. As a condition to Closing of the Transaction, Columbia will update this fairness opinion (1) immediately before Mountain West mails the Prospectus/Proxy Statement to its stockholders and (2) immediately before Closing.
- H. INTENTION OF THE PARTIES—-ACCOUNTING AND TAX TREATMENT. The parties intend the Merger to qualify, for accounting purposes, as a "pooling of interests." The parties intend the Merger to qualify, for federal income tax purposes, as a tax-free reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC").
- I. STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT. As an inducement to and condition of Glacier's execution of this Agreement, Mountain West has approved the grant of an option to Glacier under the Stock Option Agreement, as provided in Subsection 1.11.

AGREEMENT

Glacier and Mountain West agree as follows:

SECTION 1 TERMS OF TRANSACTION

1.1 TRANSACTION. Under and subject to this Agreement and the other documents referred to in this Agreement, Glacier will acquire all of the outstanding common stock shares of Mountain West ("Mountain West Common Stock"). All outstanding shares of Mountain West Common Stock will be exchanged for common stock shares of Glacier ("Glacier Common Stock"). The term "Transaction" means the Merger transaction contemplated by this Agreement, subject to any modifications Glacier elects in accordance with Subsection 1.8.

- 1.2 EFFECT OF TRANSACTION. On the Effective Date, the corporate existence of each of Mountain West and the New Bank will be merged into and continued in the resulting bank of the Merger (the "Combined Bank"). The principal office of the Combined Bank will be located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and will be deemed to be the same corporation as each of Mountain West and the New Bank. The authorized capital of the Combined Bank will consist of 1,500,000 shares of common stock, \$2.50 par value per share. The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Combined Bank will be the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of Mountain West in effect immediately before the Effective Time, subject to the amendments to the Articles and Bylaws attached to this Agreement as Exhibit G. All rights, franchises and interests of each of Mountain West and the New Bank in and to every type of property (real, personal and mixed) and choses in action will be transferred to and vested in the Combined Bank by virtue of the Merger without any deed or other transfer. The Combined Bank, upon the Effective Date and without any order or other action on the part of any court or otherwise, will hold and enjoy all rights of property, franchises, and interests in the same manner and to the same extent as such rights, franchises and interests were held or enjoyed by each of the Bank and New Bank immediately prior to the Effective Date, subject to the conditions of Title 26 of the Idaho Statutes. The name of the Combined Bank will be "Mountain West Bank."
- PROSPECTIVE EFFECT. Subject to a Change in Control of Glacier, the following provisions will apply: (a) the Combined Bank will retain the name "Mountain West Bank" for at least 3 years following the Effective Date; (b) there will be no data processing or system computer conversions for Mountain West for at least 2 years following the Effective Date; and (c) subject to Glacier and its subsidiaries remaining well-capitalized, within 2 years of the Effective Date and at the request of Mountain West, Glacier will provide sufficient capital for Mountain West to expand by 2 branches and for construction of a permanent Boise branch building. "Change in Control" means a change "in the ownership or effective control" or "in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of Mountain West, within the meaning of section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code.
- EVENTS OF CLOSING. Closing of the Transaction will take place in 1.4 accordance with Section 2 ("Closing"). All shares, other than Dissenting Shares, of Mountain West Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately before Closing will be exchanged at Closing for shares of Glacier Common Stock in accordance with Subsection $1.6\ \mathrm{by}\ \mathrm{virtue}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{the}\ \mathrm{Merger}\ \mathrm{and}$ without any further action required by the holders of Mountain West Common Stock. After Closing and subject to any Dissenting Shares, Glacier will own all of the outstanding shares of Mountain West Common Stock. The Board of Directors of Mountain West after the Effective Date will consist of Mountain West's directors immediately before the Merger, with the addition of Michael J. Blodnick (or, if Mr. Blodnick is unable to serve, another individual designated by Glacier). Nothing in this Agreement is intended to restrict any rights of Mountain West's stockholder and directors at any time after the Effective Date to nominate, elect, select, or remove directors. As required by Section 26-903 (c) of the Idaho Statutes, the names and residences of the proposed officers and directors of the Combined Bank are listed on Exhibit F.
- 1.5 EFFECT ON GLACIER COMMON STOCK. Glacier Common Stock shares issued and outstanding immediately before the Effective Date will remain outstanding and unchanged after the Merger.

1.6 CONSIDERATION.

1.6.1 EXCHANGE RATIO. Subject to the conditions and limitations in this Agreement, holders of Mountain West Common Stock will receive Glacier Common Stock in exchange for their Mountain West Common Stock. The number (rounded to 2 decimals, rounding down if the third decimalis four or less or up if it is five or more) of Glacier Common Stock shares each holder will receive in exchange for each Mountain West Common Stock share he or she holds of record on the Effective Date (the "Exchange Ratio") will be 1.18, subject to Subsections 1.6.2 (change

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in equity capital) and 1.7 (dissenting shares). The shares of Glacier Common Stock to be issued to Mountain West Common Stockholders under this Agreement in connection with the Transaction are referred to as the "Glacier Shares."

- 1.6.2 CHANGE IN EQUITY CAPITAL. If, after the date of this Agreement but before the Effective Date, Glacier's or Mountain West's Common Stock issued and outstanding increases or decreases in number or is changed into or exchanged for a different kind or number of securities, through a recapitalization, reclassification, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split or other similar change in capitalization (not including increases in number due to issuances of shares upon exercise of any outstanding options to purchase Glacier Common Stock shares) of Glacier or Mountain West, as the case may be, then, as appropriate, the parties will make the proportionate adjustment to the Exchange Ratio.
- 1.6.3 NO FRACTIONAL SHARES. No fractional shares of Glacier Corporation Common Stock will be issued. In lieu of fractional shares, if any, each stockholder of Mountain West who is otherwise entitled to receive a fractional share of Glacier Common Stock will receive an amount of cash equal to the product of such fraction times \$20. Such fractional share interests will not include the right to vote or receive dividends or any interest on dividends.

1.6.4 CERTIFICATES.

- Surrender of Certificates. Each certificate evidencing (a) Mountain West Common Stock shares (other than Dissenting Shares) will, on and after the Effective Date, be deemed for all corporate purposes to represent and evidence only the right to receive a certificate representing the Glacier Shares (or to receive the cash for fractional shares) to which the Mountain West Common Stock shares converted in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection 1.6. Following the Effective Date, Mountain West stockholders shall exchange Mountain West Common Stock certificates by surrendering them to the agent ("Exchange Agent") designated by Glacier and Mountain West to effect the exchange of Mountain West Common Stock certificates for certificates representing Glacier Shares (or for cash in lieu of fractional shares), in accordance with any instructions provided by the Exchange Agent and together with a properly completed and executed form of transmittal letter. Until a holder's certificate evidencing Mountain West Common Stock is so surrendered, the holder will not be entitled to receive any certificates evidencing Glacier Shares or cash in lieu of fractional shares.
- (b) Issuance of Certificates in Other Names. Any person requesting that any certificate evidencing Glacier Shares be issued in a name other than the name in which the surrendered Mountain West Common Stock certificate is registered, must: (1) establish to the Exchange Agent's satisfaction the right to receive the certificate evidencing Glacier Shares and (2) either pay to the Exchange Agent any applicable transfer or other taxes or establish to the Exchange Agent's satisfaction that all applicable taxes have been paid or are not required.
- (c) Lost, Stolen, and Destroyed Certificates. The Exchange Agent will be authorized to issue a certificate representing Glacier Shares in exchange for a Mountain West Common Stock certificate that has been lost, stolen or destroyed, if the holder provides the Exchange Agent with: (1) satisfactory evidence that the holder owns Mountain West Common Stock and that the certificate representing this ownership is lost, stolen, or

- destroyed, (2) any appropriate affidavit the Exchange Agent may require, and (3) any indemnification assurances that the Exchange Agent may require.
- (d) Rights to Dividends and Distributions. After the Effective Date, no holder of a certificate evidencing Mountain West Common Stock shares will be entitled to receive any dividends or other distributions otherwise payable to holders of record of Glacier Common Stock on any date after the Effective Date, unless the holder (1) is entitled by this Agreement to receive a certificate representing Glacier Shares and (2) has surrendered in accordance with this Agreement his or her Mountain West Common Stock certificates (or has met the requirements of Subsection 1.6.4(c) above) in exchange for certificates representing Glacier Shares. Surrender of Mountain West Common Stock certificates will not deprive the holder of any dividends or distributions that the holder is entitled to receive as a record holder of Mountain West Common Stock on a date before the Effective Date. When the holder surrenders his or her certificates, the holder will receive the amount, without interest, of any cash dividends and any other distributions distributed after the Effective Date on the whole number of shares of Glacier Shares into which the holder's Mountain West Common Stock was converted at the Effective Date.
- (e) Checks in Other Names. Any person requesting that a check for cash in lieu of fractional shares be issued in a name other than the name in which the Mountain West Common Stock certificate surrendered in exchange for the cash is registered, must establish to the Exchange Agent's satisfaction the right to receive this cash.
- 1.6.5 EFFECT ON MOUNTAIN WEST OPTIONS. On the Effective Date, by virtue of the Merger, and without any action on the part of any party, any option to acquire Mountain West Common Stock, excluding the option under the Stock Option Agreement ("Mountain West Option"), will be converted into and become an option to purchase Glacier Common Stock ("Glacier Option") on the same terms and conditions as are in effect with respect to the Mountain West Option immediately prior to the Effective Date, except that (A) each such Glacier Option may be exercised solely for shares of Glacier Common Stock, (B) the number of shares of Glacier Common Stock subject to such Glacier Option will be equal to the number of shares of Mountain Common Stock subject to such option immediately prior to the Effective Date multiplied by the Exchange Ratio, the product being rounded, if necessary, up or down to the nearest whole share, and (C) the per share exercise price under each such Glacier Option will be adjusted by dividing the Mountain West Option exercise price by the Exchange Ratio and rounding up or down to the nearest cent.
- 1.7 PAYMENT TO DISSENTING STOCKHOLDERS. For purposes of this Agreement, "Dissenting Shares" means those shares of Mountain West Common Stock as to which stockholders have properly taken all steps necessary to perfect their dissenters' rights under Section 26-909 of the Idaho Statutes. Each outstanding Dissenting Share of Mountain West Common Stock will be converted at Closing into the rights provided under this section of the Idaho Statutes. For purposes of (beta) 26-909 (2) of the Idaho Statutes, the parties to this Agreement hereby fix \$21 as the fair market value of dissenting shares of Mountain West Common Stock.
- 1.8 ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES. Subject to the conditions set forth below, Glacier may in its sole discretion elect to consummate the Transaction by means other than those specified in this Section 1. If Glacier so elects, any means, procedures, or amendments necessary or desirable to consummate the Transaction, in the opinion of Glacier's counsel, will supersede any conflicting, undesirable or unnecessary provisions of this Agreement. But, unless this Agreement is amended in accordance with Section 9, the following

conditions will apply: (1) the type and amount of consideration set forth in Subsection 1.6 will not be modified and (2) the tax consequences to Mountain West and its stockholders will not be adversely affected.

- 1.9 LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL. Glacier will prepare a transmittal letter form reasonably acceptable to Mountain West for use by stockholders holding Mountain West Common Stock. Certificates representing shares of Mountain West Common Stock must be delivered for payment in the manner provided in the transmittal letter form. On or about the Effective Date, Glacier will mail the transmittal letter form to Mountain West stockholders.
- 1.10 UNDELIVERED CERTIFICATES. If outstanding certificates for Mountain West Common Stock are not surrendered or the payment for them is not claimed before those payments would escheat or become the property of any governmental unit or agency, the unclaimed items will, to the extent permitted by abandoned property or any other applicable law, become the property of Glacier (and to the extent not in its possession will be paid over to Glacier), free and clear of all claims or interests of any person previously entitled to such items. But, neither Glacier nor Mountain West will be liable to any holder of Mountain West Common Stock for any amount paid to any governmental unit or agency having jurisdiction over any such unclaimed items under the abandoned property or other applicable law of the jurisdiction, and Glacier will pay no interest on amounts owed to stockholders for shares of Mountain West Common Stock.
- 1.11 STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT. As a condition to the execution of this Agreement, Glacier and Mountain West have executed a Stock Option Agreement, dated the same date as this Agreement.

SECTION 2 CLOSING OF THE TRANSACTION

- 2.1 CLOSING. Closing will occur on the Effective Date. If Closing does not occur on or before March 31, 2000 ("Termination Date"), either Glacier or Mountain West may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 7. Unless Glacier and Mountain West agree upon another date, the Effective Date will be a date selected by Glacier within 30 calendar days after the following, but no sooner than January 17, 2000:
 - (a) each condition precedent set forth in Section 5 has been either fulfilled or waived; and
 - (b) each approval required by Section 5 has been granted, and all applicable waiting periods have expired.
- 2.2 EVENTS OF CLOSING. On the Effective Date, all properly executed documents required by this Agreement will be delivered to the proper party in form consistent with this Agreement. If any party fails to deliver a required document on the Effective Date or otherwise defaults under this Agreement on or before the Effective Date, then the Transaction will not occur unless the adversely affected party waives the default.
- 2.3 PLACE OF CLOSING. Unless Glacier and Mountain West agree otherwise, Closing will occur on the Effective Date at Glacier's corporate office, 49 Commons Loop, Kalispell, Montana.

SECTION 3 REPRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 REPRESENTATIONS OF GLACIER AND MOUNTAIN WEST. Subject to Subsection 3.3 and except as expressly set forth in Schedule 1, Glacier (and as appropriate, New Bank) represents to Mountain West, and Mountain West represents to Glacier and New Bank, the following:
 - 3.1.1 CORPORATE ORGANIZATION AND QUALIFICATION.
 - (a) It is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the state laws of either Idaho or Delaware (as applicable), and its activities do not require it to be qualified in any jurisdiction other than Montana (for Glacier) and Idaho (for Mountain West).
 - (b) It has the requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and assets and to carry on its businesses as they are now being conducted.
 - (c) It has made available to the other party to this Agreement a complete and correct copy of its certificate or articles of incorporation and bylaws, each as amended to date and currently in full force and effect.

3.1.2 SUBSIDIARIES.

- (a) With respect to Mountain West only, Schedule 3 lists all of its Subsidiaries and its percentage ownership of these Subsidiaries, as of the date of this Agreement. In this Agreement, the term "Subsidiary" with respect to a party means any corporation, partnership, financial institution, trust company, or other entity owned or controlled by that party or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates (or owned or controlled by that party together with one or more of its subsidiaries or affiliates). A Subsidiary is considered to be owned or controlled by a party if that party or any of its Subsidiaries (individually or together with the party) directly or indirectly owns, controls, or has the ability to exercise 50% or more of the voting power of the Subsidiary.
- (b) Each of its Subsidiaries is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under Montana or Idaho law, as the case may be, and is qualified to do business and in good standing in each jurisdiction where the property owned, leased, or operated, or the business conducted by the Subsidiary, requires this qualification.
- (c) Each of its Subsidiaries has the requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted.

3.1.3 CAPITAL STOCK.

- (a) Glacier. Glacier represents:
 - (1) on the date this Agreement was signed, Glacier's authorized capital stock consists of 16 million shares divided into two classes: (i) 15 million shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Company Common Stock"), 9,537,123 shares of which are issued and outstanding and (ii) 1 million shares of blank-check preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, none of which is outstanding ("Glacier Preferred Stock");

- (2) options or rights to acquire not more than an aggregate of 615,739 Company Common Stock shares (subject to adjustment on the terms set forth in the Glacier Stock Plans) are outstanding under the stock option plans listed in Schedule 4 ("Glacier Stock Plans");
- (3) No Company Common Stock shares are reserved for issuance, other than the shares reserved for issuance under the Glacier Stock Plans, and Glacier has no shares of Glacier Preferred Stock reserved for issuance;
- (4) all outstanding shares of Company Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable;
- (5) all outstanding shares of capital stock of each of Glacier's Subsidiaries owned by Glacier or a Subsidiary of Glacier have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable, except to the extent any assessment is required under federal law, and are owned by Glacier or a Subsidiary of Glacier free and clear of all liens, pledges, security interests, claims, proxies, preemptive or subscriptive rights or other encumbrances or restrictions of any kind (collectively, "Liens"); and
- (6) except as set forth in this Agreement or in the Glacier Stock Plans, there are no preemptive rights or any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, rights, convertible securities, or other agreements or commitments of Glacier or any of its Subsidiaries of any character relating to the issued or unissued capital stock or other equity securities of Glacier (including those relating to the issuance, sale, purchase, redemption, conversion, exchange, registration, voting or transfer of such stock or securities).
- (b) Mountain West. Mountain West represents:
 - (1) Schedule 2 contains a complete list of all of its banking offices.
 - (2) as of the date of this Agreement, Mountain West's authorized capital stock consists of (i) 1,500,000 shares of common stock, \$2.50 par value ("Bank Common Stock"), 715,472 shares of which are issued and outstanding,
 - (3) options or rights to acquire not more than an aggregate of 115,019 Bank Common Stock shares (subject to adjustment on the terms set forth in the Mountain West Stock Plans) are outstanding under the stock option plans listed in Schedule 4 ("Mountain West Stock Plans");
 - (4) no Bank Common Stock shares are reserved for issuance, other than the shares reserved for issuance under the Mountain West Stock Plan;
 - (5) all outstanding Mountain West Common Stock shares have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable, except to the extent of any assessment required under (beta) 26-1113 of the Idaho Statutes;
 - (6) all outstanding shares of capital stock of each of Mountain West's Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable, and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, at Closing

will be owned by Mountain West or a Subsidiary of Mountain West free and clear of all Liens;

- (7) There are no preemptive rights or any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, rights, convertible securities, or other agreements or commitments of Mountain West or any of its Subsidiaries of any character relating to the issued or unissued capital stock or other equity securities of Mountain West or any of its Subsidiaries (including those relating to the issuance, sale, purchase, redemption, conversion, exchange, registration, voting or transfer of such stock or securities);
- (8) it (alone or together with any of its Subsidiaries) owns all of the shares of capital stock (or 100% of any other applicable form of ownership interest if the Subsidiary is not a corporation) of each of its Subsidiaries free and clear of all encumbrances.

3.1.4 CORPORATE AUTHORITY.

- (a) It has the requisite corporate power and authority and has taken all corporate action necessary in order to execute and deliver this Agreement, subject (in Mountain West's case) only to the approval by Mountain West's stockholders of the plan of Merger contained in this Agreement to the extent required by Section 26-904 of the Idaho Statutes, to complete the Transaction.
- (b) This Agreement is a valid and legally binding agreement of it, enforceable in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

3.1.5 REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

- Filing of Reports. Since January 1, 1996, it and each of (a) its Subsidiaries has filed all reports and statements, together with any required amendments to these reports and statements, that it was required to file with (1) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), (2) the Federal Reserve Board, (3) the FDIC, (4) the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS") and (5) any other applicable federal or state banking, insurance, securities, or other regulatory authorities. Each of these reports and statements, including the related financial statements and exhibits, complied (or will comply, in the case of reports or statements filed after the date of this Agreement) as to form in all material respects with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations as of their respective dates (and, in the case of reports or statements filed before the date of this Agreement, without giving effect to any amendments or modifications filed after the date of this Agreement).
- (b) Delivery to Other Party of Reports. It has delivered to the other party a copy of each registration statement, offering circular, report, definitive proxy statement or information statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, ("Securities Act"), the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, ("Exchange Act"), and state securities and "Blue Sky" laws (collectively, the "Securities Laws") filed, used or circulated by it with respect to periods since January 1, 1996, through the date of this Agreement. It will promptly deliver to the other party each such registration statement, offering circular, report, definitive proxy statement or information statement filed, used or circulated after the date of this Agreement (collectively, its "Reports"), each in the form (including

related exhibits and amendments) filed with the SEC or the \mbox{FDIC} (or if not so filed, in the form used or circulated).

- (c) Compliance with Securities Laws. As of their respective dates (and without giving effect to any amendments or modifications filed after the date of this Agreement), each of the Reports, including the related financial statements, exhibits and schedules, filed, used or circulated before the date of this Agreement complied (and each of the Reports filed after the date of this Agreement, will comply) in all material respects with applicable Securities Laws, and did not (or in the case of reports, statements, or circulars filed after the date of this Agreement, will not) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- Financial Statements. Each of its balance sheets included (d) in the Financial Statements fairly presents (or, in the case of Financial Statements for periods ending on a date following the date of this Agreement, will fairly present) the consolidated financial position of it and its Subsidiaries as of the date of the balance sheet. Each of the consolidated statements of income, cash flows and stockholders' equity included in the Financial Statements fairly presents (or, in the case of Financial Statements for periods ending on a date following the date of this Agreement, will fairly present) the consolidated results of operations, retained earnings and cash flows, as the case may be, of it and its Subsidiaries for the periods set forth in these statements (subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments), in each case in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied ("GAAP"), except as may be noted in these statements.
 - (1) "Financial Statements" means: (i) in Glacier's case, the Glacier Financial Statements (or for periods ending on a date following the date of this Agreement, the Subsequent Glacier Financial Statements); and (ii) in Mountain West's case, the Mountain West Financial Statements (or for periods ending on a date following the date of this Agreement, the Subsequent Mountain West Financial Statements).
 - "Glacier Financial Statements" means Glacier's (i) audited consolidated statements of financial condition as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related audited statements of income, cashflows and changes in stockholders' equity for each of the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997; and (ii) unaudited consolidated statements of financial condition as of the end of each fiscal quarter following December 31, 1998 but preceding the date of this Agreement, and the related unaudited statements of income, cashflows and changes in stockholders' equity for each such quarter.
 - (3) "Subsequent Glacier Financial Statements" means unaudited balance sheets and related statements of income and stockholders' equity for each of the fiscal quarters ending after the date of this Agreement and before Closing.
 - (4) "Mountain West Financial Statements" means audited statements of financial condition as of March 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997, and the related audited statements of income, cashflows and changes in stockholders' equity for each of the years ended March 31, 1999, 1998 and 1997; and (ii) unaudited consolidated

- statements of financial condition as of the end of each fiscal quarter following March 31, 1999 but preceding the date of this Agreement, and the related unaudited statements of income, cashflows and changes in stockholders' equity for each such quarter.
- (5) "Subsequent Mountain West Financial Statements" means unaudited balance sheets and related statements of income and stockholders' equity for each of Mountain West's fiscal quarters ending after the date of this Agreement and before Closing.
- 3.1.6 ABSENCE OF CERTAIN EVENTS AND CHANGES. Except as disclosed in its Financial Statements and Reports, since December 31, 1998 (for Glacier) and March 31, 1999 (for Mountain West): (1) it and its Subsidiaries have conducted their respective businesses only in the ordinary and usual course of the businesses and (2) no change or development or combination of changes or developments has occurred that, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect with respect to it or its Subsidiaries. For purposes of this Agreement, "Material Adverse Effect" with respect to any corporation means an effect that: (1) is materially adverse to the business, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the corporation and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (2) significantly and adversely affects the ability of the corporation to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by the Termination Date or to perform its material obligations under this Agreement; or (3) enables any persons to prevent the consummation by the Termination Date of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. No Material Adverse Effect will be deemed to have occurred on the basis of any effect resulting from actions or omissions of the corporation taken with the explicit prior consent of the other party to this Agreement.

3.1.7 MATERIAL AGREEMENTS.

- (a) Except for the Glacier and Mountain West Stock Plans, respectively, and arrangements made after the date and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, it and its Subsidiaries are not bound by any material contract (as defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act) that: (1) is to be performed after the date of this Agreement and (2) has not been filed with or incorporated by reference in its Reports or set forth in Schedule 5.
- (b) Neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default under any contract, agreement, commitment, arrangement, lease, insurance policy, or other instrument.
- 3.1.8 KNOWLEDGE AS TO CONDITIONS. Its President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer (collectively, "Executive Officers") know of no reason the Regulatory Approvals and, to the extent necessary, any other approvals, authorizations, filings, registrations, and notices should not be obtained without the imposition of any condition or restriction that is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to it, its Subsidiaries, or the Combined Bank, or the opinion of the tax experts referred to in Subsection 5.2.13.
- 3.1.9 BROKERS AND FINDERS. Neither it, its Subsidiaries, nor any of their respective officers, directors or employees has employed any broker or finder or incurred any liability for any brokerage fees, commissions or finder's fees in connection with the transactions contemplated in this Agreement.

- 3.2 MOUNTAIN WEST'S ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS. Subject to Subsection 3.3 and except as expressly set forth in Schedule 1, Mountain West represents to Glacier, the following:
 - 3.2.1 LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES. Its Executive Officers know of no reason why the allowance for loan and lease losses shown in the balance sheets included in the Financial Statements for the periods ended December 31, 1998, March 31, 1999, and June 30, 1999, was not adequate as of those dates, respectively, to provide for estimable and probable losses, net of recoveries relating to loans not previously charged off, inherent in its loan portfolio.
 - 3.2.2 NO STOCK OPTION PLANS. Neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries has adopted any stock option plans or granted any options or rights to acquire any shares of Mountain West Common Stock or capital stock or other ownership interest of any Mountain West Subsidiary except as expressly set forth in Schedule 4.
 - 3.2.3 GOVERNMENTAL FILINGS; NO VIOLATIONS.
 - (a) Filings. Other than the Regulatory Approvals and other than as required under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, and state securities and "Blue Sky" laws, no notices, reports or other filings are required to be made by it with, nor are any consents, registrations, approvals, permits or authorizations required to be obtained by it from, any governmental or regulatory authority, agency, court, commission or other entity, domestic or foreign ("Governmental Entity"), in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by it and the consummation by it of the Transaction.
 - (h) Violations. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement does not and will not, and the consummation by it of the Transaction will not, constitute or result in: (1) a breach or violation of, or a default under, its articles of incorporation or bylaws, or the comparable governing instruments of any of its Subsidiaries; (2) a breach or violation of, or a default under, or the acceleration of or the creation of a Lien (with or without the giving of notice, the lapse of time or both) under, any provision of any agreement, lease, contract, note, mortgage, indenture, arrangement or other obligation ("Contracts") of it or any of its Subsidiaries; or (3) a violation of any law, rule, ordinance or regulation or judgment, decree, order, award, or governmental or non-governmental permit or license to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is subject; or (4) any change in the rights or obligations of any party under any of the Contracts. Schedule 6 contains a list of all consents it or its Subsidiaries must obtain from third parties under any Contracts before consummation of the Transaction.

3.2.4 ASSET CLASSIFICATION.

- (a) Schedule 7 sets forth a list, accurate and complete as of June 30, 1999, except as otherwise expressly noted in Schedule 7, and separated by category of classification or criticism ("Asset Classification"), of the aggregate amounts of loans, extensions of credit and other assets of it and its Subsidiaries that have been criticized or classified by any Governmental Entity, by any outside auditor, or by any internal audit.
- (b) Except as shown on Schedule 7, no amounts of loans, extensions of credit or other assets that have been classified or criticized by any representative of any Governmental Entity as "Other Assets Especially Mentioned," "Substandard," "Doubtful," "Loss" or words of similar effect are excluded from the amounts disclosed in the Asset Classification, other

than amounts of loans, extensions of credit or other assets that were paid off or charged off by it or its Subsidiaries before the date of this Agreement.

3.2.5 INVESTMENTS. Schedule 8 lists all investments (except investments in securities issued by federal state or local government or any subdivision or agency thereof and investments in Subsidiaries) made by it or any of its Subsidiaries in an amount greater than \$25,000 or which represent an ownership interest of more than 5% in any corporation, company, partnership, or other entity. All investments comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

3.2.6 PROPERTIES.

- (a) Except as disclosed or reserved against in its Financial Statements or in Schedule 9, it and its Subsidiaries have good and marketable title, free and clear of all Liens (other than Liens for current taxes not yet delinquent or pledges to secure deposits) to all of the properties and assets, tangible or intangible, reflected in its Reports as being owned or leased by it or its Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement.
- (b) To the knowledge of its Executive Officers, all buildings and all fixtures, equipment and other property and assets that are material to its business on a consolidated basis and are held under leases or subleases by it or its Subsidiaries are held under valid leases or subleases, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms (except as may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally or by general equity principles).
- (c) Schedule 10 lists all its and its Subsidiaries' existing branches and offices and all new branches or offices it or any of its Subsidiaries' has applied to establish or purchase, along with the cost to establish or purchase those branches.
- (d) Mountain West has provided to Glacier copies of existing title policies held in its files, and no exceptions, reservations, or encumbrances have arisen or been created since the date of issuance of those policies.
- 3.2.7 ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS. It and each of its Subsidiaries have taken all necessary action to exempt the Transaction and this Agreement from (a) all applicable Idaho State law anti-takeover provisions, if any, and (b) any takeover-related provisions of its articles of incorporation or bylaws.
- 3.2.8 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Except as disclosed in Schedule 11, it and each of its Subsidiaries:
 - are in compliance, in the conduct of their businesses, with all applicable federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders or decrees, including the Bank Secrecy Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Community Reinvestment Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act and all applicable fair lending laws or other laws relating to discrimination;
 - (b) have all permits, licenses, certificates of authority, orders, and approvals of, and have made all filings, applications, and registrations with, federal, state, local, and foreign governmental or regulatory bodies (including the Federal Reserve, FDIC and OTS) that

are required in order to permit them to carry on their businesses as they are presently conducted;

- (c) have received since January 1, 1996, no notification or communication from any Governmental Entity (including any bank, insurance and securities regulatory authorities) or its staff (1) asserting a failure to comply with any of the statutes, regulations or ordinances that such Governmental Entity enforces, (2) threatening to revoke any license, franchise, permit or governmental authorization, or (3) threatening or contemplating revocation or limitation of, or that would have the effect of revoking or limiting, FDIC deposit insurance (nor, to the knowledge of its Executive Officers, do any grounds for any of the foregoing exist); and
- (d) are not required to notify any federal banking agency before adding directors to its board of directors or employing senior executives.
- 3.2.9 LITIGATION. Except as disclosed in its Financial Statements or in Schedule 12, before the date of this Agreement:
 - (a) no criminal or administrative investigations or hearings, before or by any Governmental Entity, or civil, criminal or administrative actions, suits, claims or proceedings, before or by any person (including any Governmental Entity) are pending or, to the knowledge of its Executive Officers, threatened, against it or any of its Subsidiaries (including under the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Community Reinvestment Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, or any other fair lending law or other law relating to discrimination); and
 - (b) neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries (nor any officer, director, controlling person or property of it or any of its Subsidiaries) is a party to or is subject to any order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding or similar arrangement with, or a commitment letter or similar submission to, any Governmental Entity charged with the supervision or regulation of depository institutions or engaged in the insurance of deposits (including the FDIC) or the supervision or regulation of it or of its Subsidiaries, and neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries has been advised by any such Governmental Entity that such Governmental Entity is contemplating issuing or requesting (or is considering the appropriateness of issuing or requesting) any such order, decree, agreement, memorandum of understanding, commitment letter or similar submission.
- 3.2.10 TAXES. For purposes of this Subsection 3.2.10, "Tax" includes any tax or similar governmental charge, impost, or levy (including income taxes, franchise taxes, transfer taxes or fees, stamp taxes, sales taxes, use taxes, excise taxes, ad valorem taxes, withholding taxes, worker's compensation, payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, social security, minimum taxes, or windfall profits taxes), together with any related liabilities, penalties, fines, additions to tax, or interest, imposed by the United States or any state, county, provincial, local or foreign government or subdivision or agency of the United States.
 - (a) All federal, state and local Tax returns, including all information returns, it and its Subsidiaries are required to file have been timely filed or requests for extensions have been timely filed. If any extensions were filed, they have been or will be granted by Closing and will not have expired. All filed returns are complete and accurate in all material respects.

- (b) Except as disclosed in its Financial Statements:
 - (1) all taxes attributable to it or any of its Subsidiaries that are or were due or payable (without regard to whether such taxes have been assessed) have been paid in full or have been adequately provided for in its Financial Statements in accordance with GAAP;
 - (2) adequate provision in accordance with GAAP has been made in its Financial Statements relating to all Taxes for the periods covered by such Financial Statements that were not yet due and payable as of the date of this Agreement, regardless of whether the liability for such Taxes is disputed;
 - (3) as of the date of this Agreement and except as disclosed in its Financial Statements, there is no outstanding audit examination, deficiency, refund, litigation or outstanding waiver or agreement extending the applicable statute of limitations for the assessment or collection of any Taxes for any period with respect to any Taxes of it or its Subsidiaries;
 - (4) all Taxes with respect to completed and settled examinations or concluded litigation relating to it or any of its Subsidiaries have been paid in full or have been recorded on its Financial Statements (in accordance with GAAP);
 - (5) neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to a Tax sharing or similar agreement or any agreement under which it or any of its Subsidiaries has indemnified any party (other than it or one of its Subsidiaries) with respect to Taxes; and
 - (6) the proper and accurate amounts have been withheld from all employees (and timely paid to the appropriate Governmental Entity or set aside in an account for these purposes) for all periods through the Effective Date in compliance with all Tax withholding provisions of applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws (including income, social security and employment tax withholding for all types of compensation).
- 3.2.11 INSURANCE. It and each of its Subsidiaries has taken all requisite action (including the making of claims and the giving of notices) under its directors' and officers' liability insurance policy or policies in order to preserve all rights under such policies with respect to all matters known to it (other than matters arising in connection with, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement). Schedule 13 lists all directors' and officers' liability insurance policies and other insurance policies maintained by it or its Subsidiaries.
- 3.2.12 LABOR MATTERS. Neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to, or is bound by, any collective bargaining agreement, contract or other agreement or understanding with any labor union or labor organization. Neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries is the subject of any proceeding: (1) asserting that it or any of its Subsidiaries has committed an unfair labor practice or (2) seeking to compel it or any of its Subsidiaries to bargain with any labor organization as to wages or conditions of employment. No strike involving it or any of its Subsidiaries is pending or, to the knowledge of its Executive Officers, threatened. Its Executive Officers are not aware of any activity involving its or any of its Subsidiaries' employees seeking to certify a collective bargaining unit or engaging in any other organizational activity.

3.2.13 YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE. It and its Subsidiaries are Year 2000 Compliant and have received "Satisfactory" ratings by the appropriate banking regulatory authorities. For purposes of this Agreement, "Year 2000 Compliant" means that Mountain West's Information Technology is designed to be used prior to, during, and after the calendar Year 2000 A.D., and the Information Technology used during each such time period will accurately receive, provide and process date/time data (including, but not limited to, calculating, comparing and sequencing) from, into and between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, including the years 1999 and 2000, and leap year calculations and will not malfunction, cease to function, or provide invalid or incorrect results as a result of date/time data, to the extent that other Information Technology, used in combination with the Information Technology being acquired, properly exchanges date/time data with it. For purposes of this Agreement, "Information Technology" includes computer software, computer firmware, computer hardware (whether general or specific purpose), and other similar or related automated or computerized items that are used or relied on by Mountain West or any if its Subsidiaries in the conduct of their businesses.

3.2.14 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

- (a) For purposes of this Agreement, "Plan" or "Plans", individually or collectively, means any "employee benefit plan," as defined in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, ("ERISA"), as amended, maintained by Mountain West or any of its Subsidiaries, as the case may be. Mountain West and its Subsidiaries are not now nor have they ever been contributing employers to or sponsors of a multi-employer plan or a single employer plan subject to Title IV of
- (b) Schedule 14 sets forth a list, as of the date of this Agreement, of (1) all Plans, stock purchase plans, restricted stock and stock option plans, and other deferred compensation arrangements, (2) all other material employee benefit plans that cover employees or former employees of it and its Subsidiaries (its "Compensation Plans"). True and complete copies of the Compensation Plans (and, as applicable, copies of summary plan descriptions, annual reports on Form 5500, actuarial reports and reports under Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 106 relating to such Compensation Plans) covering current or former employees or directors of it or its Subsidiaries (its "Employees"), including Plans and related amendments, have been made available to Glacier.
- (c) All Plans (other than "multi-employer plans" within the meaning of ERISA Sections 3(37) or 4001(a)(3)), to the extent subject to ERISA, are in substantial compliance with ERISA. Each Plan, that is an "employee pension benefit plan" within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(2) ("Pension Plan") and that is intended to be qualified under IRC Section 401(a), has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service, and it is not aware of any circumstances likely to result in revocation of any such favorable determination letter. No litigation relating to Plans is pending or, to the knowledge of its Executive Officers, threatened. Neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in a transaction with respect to any Plan that could subject it or its Subsidiaries to a Tax or penalty imposed by either IRC Section 4975 or ERISA Section 502(i).
- (d) All material contributions it or any of its Subsidiaries are or were required to make under the terms of any Plans have been timely made or have been reflected in its Financial Statements. No Plan of it or its subsidiaries has an "accumulated funding deficiency" (whether or not waived) within the meaning of IRC Section 412 or ERISA Section 302

- Neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries has provided, or is required to provide, security to any Pension Plan under IRC Section 401(a)(29), IRC Section 412(f)(3), or ERISA Sections 306, 307 or 4204.
- (e) Except as disclosed in its Financial Statements, neither it nor its Subsidiaries have any obligations for retiree health and life benefits.
- (f) No restrictions exist on the rights of it or its Subsidiaries to amend or terminate any Plan without incurring liability under the Plan in addition to normal liabilities for benefits.
- Except as disclosed in its Financial Statements or as provided in a Schedule to this Agreement, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Stock Plans will not result in: (1) vesting, acceleration, or increase of any amounts payable under any Compensation Plan, (2) any material increase in benefits under any Compensation Plan or (3) payment of any severance or similar compensation under any Compensation Plan.

3.2.15 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

- (a) For purposes of this Subsection 3.2.15, the following definitions apply:
 - "Subject Property" with respect to a party means (i) all real property at which the businesses of it or its Subsidiaries have been conducted, and any property where under any Environmental Law it or any of its Subsidiaries is deemed to be the owner or operator of the property; (ii) any facility in which it or its Subsidiaries participates in the management, including participating in the management of the owner or operator of the property; and (iii) all other real property that, for purposes of any Environmental Law, it or any of its Subsidiaries otherwise could be deemed to be an owner or operator of or as otherwise having control over.
 - "Environmental Laws" means any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation, agency policy, order, decree, judgment, judicial opinion, or any agreement with any Governmental Entity, presently in effect or subsequently adopted relating to: (i) the manufacture, generation, transport, use, treatment, storage, recycling, disposal, release, threatened release or presence of Hazardous Substances, or (ii) the preservation, restoration or protection of the environment, natural resources or human health.
 - "Hazardous Substances" means any hazardous or toxic substance, material or waste that is regulated by any local governmental authority, any state government or the United States Government, including any material or substance that is (a) defined as a "hazardous substance" in 42 USC Section 9601(14), (b) defined as a "pollutant or contaminant" in 42 USC Section 9604(a)(2), or (c) defined as a "hazardous waste" in 42 USC Section 6903(5).
- (b) It and each of its Subsidiaries and the Subject Property are, and have been, in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws, and no circumstances exist that with the passage of time or the giving of notice would be reasonably likely to result in noncompliance with such Environmental Laws.
- (c) None of the following, and no reasonable basis for any of the following, exists: pending or threatened claims, actions, investigations, notices of non-compliance, information

requests or notices of potential responsibility or proceedings involving it or any of its Subsidiaries or any Subject Property, relating to:

- (1) an asserted liability of it or any of its
 Subsidiaries or any prior owner, occupier or user
 of Subject Property under any applicable
 Environmental Law or the terms and conditions of
 any permit, license, authority, settlement,
 agreement, decree or other obligation arising under
 any applicable Environmental Law;
- (2) the handling, storage, use, transportation, removal or disposal of Hazardous Substances;
- (3) the actual or threatened discharge, release or emission of Hazardous Substances from, on or under or within Subject Property into the air, water, surface water, ground water, land surface or subsurface strata; or
- (4) personal injuries or damage to property related to or arising out of exposure to Hazardous Substances.
- (d) No storage tanks underground or otherwise are present on the Subject Property or, if present, none of such tanks are leaking and each of them is in full compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws. With respect to any Subject Property, it and its Subsidiaries do not own, possess or control any PCBs, PCB-contaminated fluids, wastes or equipment, or any material amount of asbestos or asbestos-containing material. No Hazardous Substances have been used, handled, stored, discharged, released or emitted, or are threatened to be discharged, released or emitted, at or on any Subject Property, except for those types and quantities of Hazardous Substances typically used in an office environment and that have not created conditions requiring remediation under any applicable Environmental Law.
- (e) Except for the investigation or monitoring by the Environmental Protection Agency or similar state agencies in the ordinary course, no part of the Subject Property has been or is scheduled for investigation or monitoring under any applicable Environmental Law.

3.3 EXCEPTIONS TO REPRESENTATIONS.

- 3.3.1 DISCLOSURE OF EXCEPTIONS. Each exception set forth in a Schedule is disclosed only for purposes of the representations referenced in that exception; but the following conditions apply:
 - (a) no exception is required to be set forth in a Schedule if its absence would not result in the related representation being found untrue or incorrect under the standard established by Subsection 3.3.2; and
 - (b) the mere inclusion of an exception in a Schedule is not an admission by a party that such exception represents a material fact, material set of facts, or material event or would result in a Material Adverse Effect with respect to that party.
- 3.3.2 NATURE OF EXCEPTIONS. No representation contained in Subsections 3.1 or 3.2 will be found untrue or incorrect and no party to this Agreement will have breached a representation due to the following: the existence of any fact, set of facts, or event, if the fact or event individually or taken together with other facts or events would not, or, in the case of Subsection 3.2.9, is not reasonably likely to, have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to such party.

SECTION 4 CONDUCT AND TRANSACTIONS BEFORE CLOSING

- 4.1 CONDUCT OF MOUNTAIN WEST'S BUSINESS BEFORE CLOSING. Before Closing, Mountain West promises as follows:
 - 4.1.1 AVAILABILITY OF MOUNTAIN WEST'S BOOKS, RECORDS AND PROPERTIES.
 - Mountain West will make its, and cause its Subsidiaries to make their, books, records, properties, contracts and documents available at all reasonable times to Glacier and its counsel, accountants and other representatives. These items will be open for inspection, audit and direct verification of: (1) loan or deposit balances, (2) collateral receipts and (3) any other transactions or documentation Glacier may find reasonably relevant to the Transaction. Mountain West will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, cooperate fully in any such inspection, audit, or direct verification procedures, and Mountain West will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, make available all information reasonably required by or on behalf of Glacier.
 - (b) At Glacier's request, Mountain West will request any third parties involved in the preparation or review of (1) Mountain West Financial Statements, (2) Subsequent Mountain West Financial Statements, or (3) any audits of Mountain West's operations, loan portfolios or other assets, to disclose to Glacier the work papers or any similar materials related to these items.
 - 4.1.2 ORDINARY AND USUAL COURSE. Mountain West will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, conduct business only in the ordinary and usual course and, without the prior written consent of Glacier, will not, and will not allow its Subsidiaries to, do any of the following:
 - (a) effect any stock split or other recapitalization with respect to Mountain West Common Stock or the capital stock of a Mountain West Subsidiary, or issue, pledge, redeem, or encumber in any way any shares of Mountain West's or a Mountain West Subsidiary's capital stock, except shares issued pursuant to the exercise of Mountain West Stock Options; or grant any option or other right to shares of Mountain West's or a Mountain West Subsidiary's capital stock;
 - (b) declare or pay any dividend, or make any other distribution, either directly or indirectly, with respect to Mountain West Common Stock or the capital stock of any Mountain West Subsidiary;
 - (c) acquire, sell, transfer, assign, encumber or otherwise dispose of assets or make any commitment with respect to its assets other than in the ordinary and usual course of business;
 - (d) solicit or accept deposit accounts of a different type from accounts previously accepted by it or at rates materially in excess of rates previously paid by it, except to reflect changes in prevailing interest rates, or incur any indebtedness greater than \$25,000 (except for borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices);

- (e) acquire an ownership interest or a leasehold interest in any Property or any other real property, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, without: (1) making an appropriate environmental evaluation in advance of obtaining the interest and providing the evaluation to Glacier and (2) (without giving effect to the introductory paragraph of this Subsection 4.1.2) providing Glacier with prompt written notice as required by Subsection 4.8.
- (f) subject to the exercise of its board of directors' fiduciary duties and on the advice of counsel, enter into or recommend the adoption by Mountain West's stockholders of any agreement involving a possible merger or other business combination or asset sale by Mountain West not involving the Transaction;
- (g) enter into, renew, or terminate any contracts (including real property leases and data or item processing agreements) with or for a term of one-year or more, except for its contracts of deposit and agreements to lend money not otherwise restricted under this Agreement and (1) entered into in the ordinary course of business, (2) consistent with past practices, and (3) providing for not less (in the case of loans) or more (in the case of deposits) than prevailing market rates of interest;
- (h) enter into or amend any contract (other than contracts for deposits or agreements to lend money not otherwise restricted by this Agreement) calling for a payment by it of more than \$25,000, unless the contract may be terminated without cause or penalty upon 30 days notice or less;
- enter into any personal services contract with any person or firm, except contracts, agreements, or arrangements for legal, accounting, investment advisory, or tax services entered into directly to facilitate the Transaction;
- (j) (1) sell any securities, whether held for investment or sale, other than in the ordinary course of business or sell any securities, whether held for investment or sale, even in the ordinary course of business, if the aggregate gain realized from all sales after the date of this Agreement would be more than \$60,000 or (2) transfer any investment securities between portfolios of securities available for sale and portfolios of securities to be held to maturity;
- (k) amend its articles of incorporation, bylaws, or other formation agreements, or convert its charter or form of entity;
- (1) implement or adopt any material changes in its operations, policies, or procedures, including loan loss reserve policies, unless the changes are requested by Glacier or are necessary or advisable, on the advice of legal counsel, to comply with applicable laws, regulations, or regulatory policies;
- (m) implement or adopt any change in its accounting principles, practices or methods, other than as may be required (1) by GAAP, (2) for tax purposes, or (3) to take advantage of any beneficial tax or accounting methods;
- (n) other than in accordance with binding commitments existing on the date of this Agreement, make any capital expenditures in excess of \$10,000 per project or related

- series of projects or \$25,000 in the aggregate, except for expenses reasonably related to completion of the Transaction, which expenses may not exceed \$60,000; or
- (o) enter into any other transaction or make any expenditure other than in the ordinary and usual course of its business and made or entered into in a manner consistent with its well-established practices or as required by this Agreement.
- 4.1.3 CONDUCT REGARDING REPRESENTATIONS. Mountain West will not do or cause to be done anything that would cause any representation in Subsection 3.1 or 3.2 to be untrue at Closing, except as otherwise contemplated or required by this Agreement or consented to in writing by Glacier.
- 4.1.4 MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES. Mountain West will maintain its properties and equipment (and related insurance or its equivalent) in accordance with good business practice.
- 4.1.5 PRESERVATION OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION. Mountain West will use all reasonable efforts to:
 - (a) preserve its business organization;
 - (b) retain the services of present management; and
 - (c) preserve the goodwill of suppliers, customers and others with whom it has business relationships.
- 4.1.6 SENIOR MANAGEMENT. Except for (1) changes consistent with past practice and (2) the hiring of a commercial loan officer in Boise, Mountain West will not make any change, including hiring of replacements, with respect to present management personnel having the rank of vice-president or higher.
- 4.1.7 COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS. Mountain West will not permit any increase in the current or deferred compensation payable or to become payable by Mountain West to any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, or consultants other than normal increments in compensation in accordance with Mountain West's past practices with respect to the timing and amounts of such increments. Except as contemplated in this Agreement, Mountain West will not commit to, execute or deliver any employment agreement with any party not terminable upon two weeks' notice and without expense.
- 4.1.8 UPDATE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Mountain West will promptly deliver its Financial Statements to Glacier. Mountain West will deliver Subsequent Mountain West Financial Statements to Glacier by the earlier of: (1) 5 days after Mountain West has prepared and issued them or (2) 60 days after year-end for year-end statements and 30 days after the end of the quarter for quarterly statements. The Subsequent Mountain West Financial Statements:
 - (a) will be prepared from the books and records of Mountain West;
 - (b) will present fairly the financial position and operating results of Mountain West at the times indicated and for the periods covered;
 - (c) will be prepared in accordance with GAAP (except for the absence of notes) and with the regulations promulgated by applicable regulatory authorities, to the extent then applicable, subject to normal year-end adjustments; and

- (d) will reflect all Mountain West's liabilities, contingent or otherwise, on the respective dates and for the respective periods covered, except for liabilities: (1) not required to be so reflected in accordance with GAAP or (2) not significant in amount.
- 4.1.9 NO SOLICITATION. Neither Mountain West nor any of its officers or directors, directly or indirectly, will solicit, encourage, entertain, or facilitate any other proposals or inquiries for an acquisition of the shares or assets of Mountain West or its Subsidiaries or enter into discussions concerning any such acquisition, except as otherwise required to comply with the fiduciary responsibilities of Mountain West's board of directors. No such party will make available to any person not affiliated with Mountain West or Glacier any information about its business or organization that is not either routinely made available to the public generally or required by law.
- 4.1.10 TITLE POLICIES. No later than 30 days after the execution of this Agreement, Mountain West will provide Glacier with title reports issued by a title insurance company reasonably satisfactory to Glacier. These title reports must show unencumbered fee simple title or vendee's interest to all real Property owned by Mountain West or any of its Subsidiaries and unencumbered leasehold interests in all real Property leased by Mountain West or any of its Subsidiaries, and these title reports may contain only such exceptions, reservations, and encumbrances as may be consented to in writing by Glacier, which consent Glacier may not unreasonably withhold. At Closing, Mountain West will provide Glacier with update endorsements, dated as of the Effective Date, to the title policies for each Property owned by it or any of its Subsidiaries. For purposes of this Agreement, "Property" includes any property that Mountain West or any of its Subsidiaries owns or leases, other than other real estate owned.
- 4.1.11 REVIEW OF LOANS. Mountain West will permit Glacier to conduct an examination of Mountain West's loans to determine credit quality and the adequacy of Mountain West's allowance for loan losses. Glacier will have continued access to Mountain West's loans through Closing to update the examination. At Glacier's reasonable request, Mountain West will provide Glacier with current reports updating the information set forth in Schedule 7.

4.2 REGISTRATION STATEMENT.

- 4.2.1 PREPARATION OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT.
 - (a) A Registration Statement on Form S-4 ("Registration Statement") will be filed by Glacier with the SEC under the Securities Act for registration of the Glacier Shares, and the parties will prepare a related prospectus/proxy statement ("Prospectus/Proxy Statement") to be mailed together with any amendments and supplements to Mountain West's stockholders.
 - (b) The parties will cooperate with each other in preparing the Registration Statement and Prospectus/Proxy Statement, and will use their best efforts to: (1) file the Registration Statement with the SEC within 60 days following the date on which this Agreement is executed, and (2) obtain the clearance of the SEC, any appropriate state securities regulators and any other required regulatory approvals, to issue the Prospectus/Proxy Statement.
 - (c) Nothing will be included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus/Proxy Statement or any proxy solicitation materials with respect to any party to this Agreement unless approved by that party, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) Glacier will pay all costs associated with the preparation by Glacier's counsel and the filing of the Registration Statement. Mountain West will pay all costs associated with the review and preparation by Mountain West's counsel of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus/Proxy. Mountain West will pay the costs associated with the printing and mailing of the Prospectus/Proxy Statement to its stockholders and any other direct costs incurred by it in connection with the Prospectus/Proxy Statement.

4.2.2 SUBMISSION TO STOCKHOLDERS.

- (a) Glacier and Mountain West will submit the Prospectus/Proxy Statement to, and will use their best efforts in good faith to obtain the prompt approval of the Prospectus/Proxy Statement by, all applicable regulatory authorities. The parties will provide each other with copies of such submissions for review.
- (b) Mountain West will promptly take the actions necessary in accordance with applicable law and its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to convene a stockholders' meeting to consider the approval of this Agreement and to authorize the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. This stockholders' meeting will be held on the earliest practical date after the date the Prospectus/Proxy Statement may first be sent to Mountain West's stockholders without objection by applicable governmental authorities; but Mountain West will have at least 20 calendar days to solicit proxies. Except as otherwise required to comply with the fiduciary responsibilities of its board of directors, Mountain West's board of directors and officers will recommend approval of the Transaction to Mountain West's stockholders.

4.3 ACCOUNTING TREATMENT.

- 4.3.1 POOLING OF INTERESTS. The parties intend the Merger to be treated as a "pooling of interests" for accounting purposes. From the date of this Agreement through the Effective Date, neither Glacier nor Mountain West nor any of their respective Subsidiaries or other affiliates (a) will knowingly take any action or enter into any contract, agreement, commitment or arrangement that would jeopardize the treatment of the Merger as a "pooling of interests;" or (b) will knowingly fail to take any action that would preserve the treatment of the Merger as a "pooling of interests." No action or omission by either party will constitute a breach of this Subsection 4.3.1 if the action is permitted or required under this Agreement or is made with the other party's written consent, or as required by applicable laws or regulations.
- 4.3.2 AFFILIATE LIST. Certain persons may be deemed "affiliates" of Mountain West under Securities Act Rule 145, the SEC's Accounting Series Releases ("ASR") 130 and 135, or other rules and releases related to "pooling of interests" accounting treatment. Within thirty days following the date this Agreement is signed, Mountain West will deliver to Glacier, after consultation with legal counsel, a list of names and addresses of Mountain West's "affiliates" with respect to the Transaction within the meaning of Rule 145 or ASR 130 and 135. By the Effective Date, Mountain West will deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Glacier a letter from each of these "affiliates," and any additional person who becomes an "affiliate" before the Effective Date and after the date of the list, dated as of the date of its delivery and in the form attached as Exhibit C.
- 4.3.3 RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS. Glacier will place a restrictive legend on all certificates representing Glacier Shares to be received by an "affiliate," so as to preclude their transfer or disposition in violation of the affiliate letters. Glacier will also instruct its transfer agent not to permit the transfer of those shares, and to take any other steps reasonably necessary to ensure compliance

- with the Securities Act Rule 145 or the SEC's ASR 130 and 135 or other rules and releases related to "pooling of interests" accounting treatment.
- 4.3.4 RETENTION OF CERTIFICATES. Except as otherwise permitted in Exhibit A, by a date at least 30 days before the Effective Date, all stock certificates evidencing ownership of Mountain West Common Stock by "affiliates" will be delivered to Mountain West. Mountain West (before the Effective Date) and Glacier (after the Effective Date) will retain those certificates, and subsequently the certificates representing Glacier shares for which they are exchanged, until financial results covering at least 30 days of combined operations for Glacier following the Effective Date have been published, at which time the certificates will be released.
- 4.4 SUBMISSION TO REGULATORY AUTHORITIES. Representatives of Glacier, at Glacier's expense, will prepare and file with applicable regulatory agencies, applications for approvals, waivers or other actions their counsel finds necessary or desirable in order to consummate the Transaction. Glacier will provide copies of these applications for Mountain West's review. These applications and filings are expected to include:
 - (a) any necessary applications to the Federal Reserve and the FDIC; and
 - (b) any filings required under the Idaho Bank Act;
- 4.5 ANNOUNCEMENTS. The parties will cooperate and consult with each other in the development and distribution of all news releases and other public information disclosures with respect to this Agreement or the Transaction, unless otherwise required by law.
- 4.6 CONSENTS. Glacier and Mountain West will use their best efforts to obtain the consent or approval of any person, organization or other entity whose consent or approval is required in order to consummate the Transaction.
- 4.7 FURTHER ACTIONS. Glacier and Mountain West, respectively, in the name and on behalf of those respective parties, will use their best efforts in good faith to make all such arrangements, do or cause to be done all such acts and things, and execute and deliver all such certificates and other instruments and documents as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate in order to consummate the Transaction as promptly as practicable.
- 4.8 NOTICE. Mountain West will provide Glacier with prompt written notice of the following:
 - (a) any events, individually or in the aggregate, that could have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to Mountain West;
 - (b) the commencement of any proceeding against Mountain West, or any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates, by or before any court or governmental agency that, individually or in the aggregate, might have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to Mountain West; or
 - (c) any acquisition of an ownership or leasehold interest in real property, other than an acquisition in good faith of real property to satisfy a debt previously contracted for.
- 4.9 CONFIDENTIALITY. Glacier and Mountain West each will hold in confidence all nonpublic information obtained from the other in connection with the Transaction, other than information that: (1) is required by law to be disclosed; (2) is otherwise available on a nonconfidential basis; (3) has become public without fault of the disclosing party; or (4) is necessary to the defense of one of the parties in a legal or administrative action brought against that party by the other party. If the Transaction is not completed,

Glacier and Mountain West will: (1) each return to the others all confidential documents obtained from them and (2) not use any nonpublic information obtained under this Agreement or in connection with the Transaction

- 4.10 UPDATE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. Glacier will promptly deliver its Financial Statements to Mountain West. Glacier will deliver Subsequent Glacier Financial Statements to Mountain West by the earlier of: (1) 5 days after Glacier prepares and issues them or (2) 60 days after year-end statements and 30 days after the end of the quarter for quarterly statements. The Subsequent Glacier Financial Statements will:
 - (a) be prepared from the books and records of Glacier;
 - (b) present fairly the financial position and operating results of Glacier at the times indicated and for the periods covered;
 - (c) be prepared in accordance with GAAP (except for the absence of notes) and with the regulations promulgated by applicable regulatory authorities, to the extent then applicable, subject to normal year-end adjustments; and
 - (d) reflect all liabilities, contingent or otherwise, of Glacier on the respective dates and for the respective periods covered, except for liabilities not required to be so reflected in accordance with GAAP or not significant in amount.
- 4.11 AVAILABILITY OF GLACIER'S BOOKS, RECORDS AND PROPERTIES. Glacier will make available to Mountain West true and correct copies of its Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws. At Mountain West's reasonable request, Glacier will also provide Mountain West with copies of: (1) reports filed with the SEC or banking regulators, (2) Glacier's stock option plans, and (3) any other information that the parties agree upon.

SECTION 5 APPROVALS AND CONDITIONS

- 5.1 REQUIRED APPROVALS. The obligations of the parties to this Agreement are subject to the approval of the Agreement and the Transaction by all appropriate regulatory agencies having jurisdiction with respect to the Transaction.
- 5.2 CONDITIONS TO GLACIER'S OBLIGATIONS. All Glacier's obligations under this Agreement are subject to satisfaction of the following conditions at or before Closing:
 - 5.2.1 REPRESENTATIONS. Mountain West's representations in this Agreement and in any certificate or other instrument delivered in connection with this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects at Closing (except to the extent that they expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case they are true in all material respects as of that earlier date). These representations have the same force and effect as if they had been made at Closing. Mountain West has delivered to Glacierits certificate, executed by a duly authorized officer of Mountain West and dated as of Closing, stating that these representations comply with this Subsection 5.2.1.
 - 5.2.2 COMPLIANCE. Mountain West has performed and complied with all material terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

 Mountain West has delivered to Glacier its certificate, executed by a duly authorized officer of Mountain West and dated as of Closing, stating that Mountain West is in compliance with this Subsection 5.2.2.

- 5.2.3 EQUITY CAPITAL REQUIREMENT. The Tangible Equity Capital, determined in accordance with GAAP, of Mountain West as of the Effective Date is at least \$6.3 million. Mountain West's certificate referred to in Subsection 5.2.2 must confirm that this condition is satisfied. "Tangible Equity Capital" means common stock, paid in capital, retained earnings, and minus goodwill and any other intangible assets, without giving effect to any impact from gains or losses on available for sale securities.
- 5.2.4 TRANSACTION FEES. Mountain West's Transaction Fees have not exceeded \$60,000. "Transaction Fees" means all costs and expenses incurred by Mountain West or owed or paid by Mountain West to third parties in connection with the preparation, negotiation and execution of this Agreement and related documents and the consummation of the Transaction, including expenses incurred by Mountain West in connection with obtaining approvals for the Transaction from regulators and stockholders, not including exercise of options or any expenses incurred under Subsection 4.1.10.
- 5.2.5 TRANSACTION FEES STATEMENTS. Mountain West has delivered to Glacier a statement, in a form reasonably satisfactory to Glacier, from each third party to whom Mountain West has paid or owes Transaction Fees. Each statement must set forth the total costs and expenses paid or owing to the third party in connection with the Transaction's consummation. Mountain West has delivered to Glacier its certificate, executed by a duly authorized officer of Mountain West and dated as of Closing, stating the total Transaction Fees incurred by Mountain West and certifying that Mountain West is in compliance with Subsection 5.2.4 and this Subsection 5.2.5.
- 5.2.6 NO MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. No damage, destruction, or loss (whether or not covered by insurance) or other event or sequence of events has occurred which, individually or in the aggregate, has had or potentially may have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to Mountain West. Mountain West's certificate referred to in Subsection 5.2.1 states that the conditions identified in this Subsection 5.2.6 are satisfied.
- 5.2.7 FINANCIAL CONDITION. The following are true, and Mountain West's certificate referred to in Subsection 5.2.1 confirms the truth of the following:
 - (a) Mountain West's allowance for possible loan and lease losses at Closing was and is adequate to absorb the anticipated loan and lease losses (taking into account any recommendations made by Mountain West's certified public accountants);
 - (b) the reserves set aside for the contingent liabilities reflected in the Subsequent Mountain West Financial Statements are adequate to absorb all reasonably anticipated losses; and
 - (c) Mountain West's deposits at Closing, excluding brokered deposits and jumbo certificates of deposit, total at least \$69 million.
- 5.2.8 NO CHANGE IN LOAN REVIEW. Mountain West has provided to Glacier the reports reasonably requested by Glacier under Subsection 4.1.11, and neither these reports nor any examinations conducted by Glacier under Subsection 4.1.11 reveal a material adverse change in either: (1) the information set forth in Schedule 7 or (2) information revealed during Glacier's previous examinations of the Mountain West's loans.
- $5.2.9\,$ NO GOVERNMENTAL PROCEEDINGS. No action or proceeding has been commenced or threatened by any governmental agency to restrain or prohibit or invalidate the Transaction.

- 5.2.10 APPROVAL BY COUNSEL. All actions, proceedings, instruments, and documents required in connection with this Agreement, the Transaction, and all other related legal matters have been approved by Glacier's counsel.
- 5.2.11 RECEIPT OF TITLE POLICY. Glacier has received all title insurance reports and update endorsements required under Subsection 4.1.10.
- 5.2.12 CORPORATE AND STOCKHOLDER ACTION. Mountain West's board of directors and stockholders, respectively, have approved the Transaction.
- 5.2.13 TAX OPINION. Glacier has, at Glacier's expense, obtained from Graham & Dunn, P.C. and delivered to Mountain West, an opinion addressed to Mountain West and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Mountain West and its counsel, to the effect that consummation of the Transaction will not result in a taxable event for Mountain West or Glacier, and otherwise will have each of the effects specified below:
 - (a) The Transaction will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of IRC Section 368(a)(1)(A).
 - (b) Under IRC Section 354(a)(i), Mountain West's stockholders who, in accordance with Section 1, exchange their Mountain West Common Stock shares solely for Glacier Common Stock shares will not recognize gain or loss on the exchange.
 - (c) Cash payments to Mountain West's stockholders in lieu of a fractional share of Glacier Common Stock will be treated as distributions in redemption of the fractional share interest, subject to the limitations of IRC Section 302.
- 5.2.14 OPINION OF COUNSEL. Mountain West has obtained from Lukins & Annis, P.S., and delivered to Glacier an opinion of counsel, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit
- 5.2.15 CASH PAID. The aggregate of the cash paid for fractional shares and Dissenting Shares to holders of Mountain West Common Stock under this Agreement and applicable law will not exceed 10% of the cash value of the Exchange Ratio, as it may be adjusted under this Agreement.
- 5.2.16 AFFILIATE LETTERS. Glacier has received the affiliate list and letters specified in Subsection 4.3.2.
- 5.2.17 REGISTRATION STATEMENT. The Registration Statement, as it may have been amended, required in connection with the Glacier Shares to be issued to stockholders under Subsection 1.6, and as described in Subsection 4.2, has become effective, and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such Registration Statement has been issued or remains in effect, and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the SEC the basis for which still exists.
- 5.2.18 CONSENTS. Mountain West has obtained the consents as indicated in Schedule 6.
- 5.2.19 FAIRNESS OPINIONS. Glacier has received from Columbia, updated fairness opinions (to be delivered by Mountain West to Glacier at Mountain West's expense), dated as of or immediately before Mountain West mails the Prospectus/Proxy Statement to its stockholders and immediately before Closing, to the effect that the financial terms of the Transaction are financially fair to Mountain West's stockholders. Glacier will provide Mountain West's investment advisor with any information reasonably requested for the purpose of issuing a fairness opinion.

- 5.2.20 ACCOUNTING TREATMENT. It has been determined to Glacier's satisfaction that the Transaction will be treated for accounting purposes as a "pooling of interests" in accordance with APB Opinion No. 16, and Glacier has received a letter to this effect from KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, certified public accountants.
- 5.2.21 SOLICITATION OF EMPLOYEES. Neither any member of Mountain West's board of directors nor any entity with which any such director is affiliated has solicited any employee of Mountain West or Glacier with the intention of causing the employee to terminate her employment with Mountain West or Glacier, as the case may be.
- 5.2.22 DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT. Effective as of Closing, Mountain West has appointed Michael J. Blodnick to serve on Mountain West's board of directors
- 5.2.23 OTHER MATTERS. Glacier has received any other opinions, certificates, and documents that Glacier reasonably requests in connection with this Agreement and the Transaction.
- 5.3 CONDITIONS TO MOUNTAIN WEST'S OBLIGATIONS. All Mountain West's obligations under this Agreement are subject to satisfaction of the following conditions at or before Closing:
 - 5.3.1 REPRESENTATIONS. Glacier's representations and warranties in this Agreement and in any certificate or other instrument delivered in connection with this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects at Closing (except to the extent that they expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case they are true in all material respects as of that earlier date). These representations and warranties have the same force and effect as if they had been made at Closing. Glacier has delivered to Mountain West its certificate, executed by a duly authorized officer of Glacier and dated as of Closing, stating that these representations and warranties comply with this Subsection 5.3.1.
 - 5.3.2 COMPLIANCE. Glacier has performed and complied in all material respects with all terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement. Glacier has delivered to Mountain West its certificate, executed by a duly authorized officer of Glacier and dated as of Closing, stating that Glacier is in compliance with this Subsection 5.3.2.
 - 5.3.3 NO MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. No damage, destruction, loss or other event or sequence of events has occurred which, individually or in the aggregate, has had or potentially may have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to Glacier. Glacier's certificate referred to in Subsection 5.3.1 states that the conditions identified in this Subsection 5.3.3 are satisfied.
 - 5.3.4 NO GOVERNMENTAL PROCEEDINGS. No action or proceeding has been commenced or threatened by any governmental agency to restrain, prohibit or invalidate the Transaction.
 - 5.3.5 CORPORATE AND STOCKHOLDER ACTION. Glacier's board of directors and Mountain West's stockholders have each approved the Transaction.
 - $5.3.6\,\,$ TAX OPINION. The tax opinion specified in Subsection 5.2.13 has been delivered to Mountain West.
 - 5.3.7 OPINION OF COUNSEL. Glacier has obtained from Graham & Dunn, P.C. and delivered to Mountain West an opinion, addressed to Mountain West, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit E.

- 5.3.8 FAIRNESS OPINION. Mountain West has received from Columbia an updated fairness opinion, dated as of or immediately before Mountain West mails the Prospectus/Proxy Statement to its stockholders, to the effect that the financial terms of the Transaction are financially fair to Mountain West's stockholders.
- 5.3.9 CASH PAID. The aggregate of the cash paid to holders of Mountain West Common Stock under this Agreement and applicable law will not exceed 10% of the cash value of the Exchange Ratio, as it may be adjusted under this Agreement.
- 5.3.10 REGISTRATION STATEMENT. The Registration Statement, as it may have been amended, required in connection with the Glacier Shares to be issued to stockholders under Subsection 1.6, and as described in Subsection 4.2, has become effective, and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such Registration Statement has been issued or remains in effect, and no proceedings for that purpose have been initiated or threatened by the SEC the basis for which still exists.
- 5.3.11 DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT. Effective as of Closing, Glacier has appointed Jon W. Hippler to serve on Glacier's board of directors.

SECTION 6 DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

- 6.1 DIRECTORS. As a condition to the execution of this Agreement, each member of Mountain West's board of directors have entered into the written agreements described in Recital F with Glacier and Mountain West on or before the date this Agreement is signed. The director noncompetition agreements will take effect on the Effective Date.
- EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. As a condition to the execution of this Agreement, Mountain West has entered into an employment agreement, effective as of the Effective Date, with Jon W. Hippler, Mountain West's current President and Chief Executive Officer. It is also anticipated that Mountain West will enter into employment agreements with Robert Beck, Diane Reed, Ronn C. Rich and Paula Smyly. As part of these employment agreements, all such individuals will waive all rights they may have under any previous employment agreements with Mountain West.
- EMPLOYEES. Glacier presently intends to allow Mountain West's employees who are employed with Mountain West following the Transaction ("Continuing Employees") to participate in certain employee benefit plans in which employees of Glacier currently participate. Glacier intends to grant Continuing Employees credit for prior service with Mountain West for purposes of determining eligibility and vesting. Benefits for Continuing Employees will begin accruing under Glacier's plans as soon as practicable after Closing. This expression of intent is not a contract with Mountain West's employees and will not be construed to create a contract or employment right with Mountain West's employees.

6.4 INDEMNIFICATION.

6.4.1 Glacier agrees that from and after the Effective Time until 3 years following the Effective Date, Glacier will indemnify and hold harmless each present and former director and officer of Mountain West, determined as of the Effective Time (the "Indemnified Parties"), against any costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, losses, claims, damages or liabilities (collectively, "Costs") incurred in connection with any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, arising out of or pertaining to matters existing or occurring at or prior to the Effective Time, whether asserted

or claimed prior to, at or after the Effective Time, to the fullest extent that Mountain West would have been permitted under Idaho law and the articles of incorporation or bylaws of Mountain West in effect on the date of this Agreement to indemnify such person (and Glacier will also advance expenses as incurred to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law; provided, that the person to whom expenses are advanced provides an undertaking to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification).

- 6.4.2 To the extent that paragraph (a) will not serve to indemnify and hold harmless an Indemnified Party, for a period of three years after the Effective Time, Glacier agrees that it will, subject to the terms set forth herein, indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law (and Glacier will also advance expenses as incurred to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, provided, that the person to whom expenses are advanced provides an undertaking to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification), each Indemnified Party against any Costs incurred in connection with any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, arising out of or pertaining to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In the event any claim or claims are asserted or made within such three-year period, all rights to indemnification in respect of any such claim or claims will continue until final disposition of any and all such claims.
- 6.4.3 Any Indemnified Party wishing to claim indemnification under Subsection 6.4.1 or 6.4.2, upon learning of any such claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, will promptly notify Glacier, but the failure to so notify will not relieve Glacier of any liability it may have to such Indemnified Party if such failure does not materially prejudice Glacier. In the event of any such claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation (whether arising before or after the Effective Time), Glacier will have the right to assume the defense thereof and Glacier will not be liable to such Indemnified Parties for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses subsequently incurred by such Indemnified Parties in connection with the defense thereof, except that, if Glacier elects not to assume such defense or counsel for the Indemnified Parties advises that there are issues which raise conflicts of interest between Glacier and the Indemnified Parties, the Indemnified Parties may retain counsel satisfactory to them, and Glacier will pay all reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel for the Indemnified Parties promptly as statements therefor are received. If such indemnity is not available with respect to any Indemnified Party, then Glacier and the Indemnified Party will contribute to the amount payable in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect relative faults and benefits.

6.5 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ISSUES.

- 6.5.1 COMPARABILITY OF BENEFITS. Glacier confirms to Mountain West its present intention to provide Continuing Employees with employee benefit programs which, in the aggregate, are generally competitive with employee benefit programs offered by financial institutions of comparable size located in Glacier's and Mountain West's market area.
- 6.5.2 TERMINATION AND TRANSFER/MERGER OF PLANS. As soon as practicable after Closing, all employee benefit plans of Mountain West and its Subsidiaries will be terminated and the interests of Continuing Employees in those plans will be transferred or merged into Glacier's employee benefit plans.
- 6.5.3 NO CONTRACT CREATED. Nothing in this Agreement gives any employee of Mountain West or its Subsidiaries a right to continuing employment.

SECTION 7 TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT AND ABANDONMENT OF TRANSACTION

- 7.1 TERMINATION BY REASON OF LAPSE OF TIME. If Closing does not occur before the Termination Date, either Glacier or Mountain West may terminate this Agreement and the Transaction if all of the following conditions are present:
 - (a) the terminating party's board of directors decides to terminate by a majority vote of its members;
 - (b) the terminating party delivers to the other party written notice that its board of directors has voted in favor of termination; and
 - (c) the failure to consummate the Transaction by the Termination Date is not due to a breach by the party seeking termination of any of its obligations, covenants, or representations in this Agreement.
- 7.2 OTHER GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION. This Agreement and the Transaction may be terminated at any time before Closing (whether before or after applicable approval of this Agreement by Mountain West's stockholders, unless otherwise provided) as follows:
 - 7.2.1 MUTUAL CONSENT. By mutual consent of Mountain West and Glacier, if the boards of directors of each party agrees to terminate by a majority vote of its members.
 - 7.2.2 MOUNTAIN WEST'S CONDITIONS NOT MET. By Glacier's board of directors if, by March 31, 2000, any condition set forth in Subsections 5.1 or 5.2 has not been satisfied.
 - 7.2.3 GLACIER'S CONDITIONS NOT MET. By Mountain West's board of directors if, by March 31, 2000, any condition set forth in Subsections 5.1 or 5.3 has not been satisfied.
 - 7.2.4 MOUNTAIN WEST FAILS TO RECOMMEND STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL OR OPTION BECOMES EXERCISABLE. By Glacier's board of directors before Mountain West's stockholders approve the Transaction, if Mountain West's board of directors: (a) fails to recommend to its stockholders the approval of the Transaction or (b) modifies, withdraws or changes in a manner adverse to Glacier its recommendation to stockholders to approve the Transaction.
 - 7.2.5 IMPRACTICABILITY. By either Glacier or Mountain West, upon written notice given to the other party, if the board of directors of the party seeking termination under this Subsection 7.2.5 has determined in its sole judgment, made in good faith and after due consideration and consultation with counsel, that the Transaction has become inadvisable or impracticable by reason of the institution of litigation by the federal government or the government of the States of Idaho or Montana to restrain or invalidate the Transaction or this Agreement.
- 7.3 MOUNTAIN WEST TERMINATION FEE. Mountain West acknowledges that Glacier has incurred expenses, direct and indirect, in negotiating and executing this Agreement and in taking steps to effect Transaction. Accordingly, Mountain West will pay to Glacier \$200,000, if (1) this Agreement terminates because Mountain West does not use all reasonable efforts to consummate the Transaction in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; (2) Mountain West terminates this Agreement for any reason other than the grounds for termination set forth in Subsections 7.1, 7.2.1, 7.2.3 or 7.2.5; or (3) Glacier terminates this Agreement under Subsections 7.2.2 (other then for failure of a condition set forth in Subsections 5.1, 5.2.10, 5.2.13, 5.2.17, 5.2.19 or 5.2.20) or 7.2.4. If this termination fee becomes payable, it will be

payable on Glacier's demand and must be paid by Mountain West within 3 business days of the date Glacier makes the demand. Glacier's rights under the Stock Option Agreement are in addition to this Subsection 7.3, and this Subsection 7.3 does not limit or restrict these rights or the circumstances under which Glacier may exercise the Option.

- 7.4 GLACIER TERMINATION FEE. Due to expenses, direct and indirect, incurred by Mountain West in negotiating and executing this Agreement and in taking steps to effect the Transaction, Glacier will pay to Mountain West \$100,000 if (1) Glacier terminates this Agreement for any reason other than the grounds for termination set forth in Subsections 7.1, 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.4 or 7.2.5 or (2) Mountain West terminates this Agreement under Subsection 7.2.3 (other than for failure of a condition set forth in 5.1, 5.3.4, 5.3.6, 5.3.8, 5.3.9, 5.3.10, or 5.3.11, unless the failure of any of those conditions is due to Glacier's fault). If this termination fee becomes payable, it will be payable on Mountain West's demand and must be paid by Glacier within 3 business days of the date Mountain West makes the demand.
- 7.5 COST ALLOCATION UPON TERMINATION. In connection with the termination of this Agreement under this Subsection 7.5, except as provided in Subsections 7.3 and 7.4, Glacier and Mountain West will each pay their own out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with this Agreement, and will have no other liability to the other party.

SECTION 8 MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 NOTICES. Any notice, request, instruction or other document given under this Agreement must be in writing and must either be delivered personally or via facsimile transmission or be sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows (or to any other address or person representing any party as designated by that party through written notice to the other party):

Glacier

Glacier Bancorp, Inc. 49 Commons Loop Kalispell, MT 59901 Attn: Michael J. Blodnick

with a copy to:

Stephen M. Klein, Esq. Graham & Dunn, P.C. 1420 Fifth Avenue, 33rd Floor Seattle, WA 98101-2390

Mountain West

Mountain West Bank P.O. Box 1059 125 Ironwood Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816 Attn: Jon W. Hippler

with a copy to:

Wayne Sweney, Esq. Lukins & Annis, P.S. 250 NW Blvd., Suite 102 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

- 8.2 WAIVERS AND EXTENSIONS. Subject to Section 9, Glacier or Mountain West may grant waivers or extensions to the other party, but only through a written instrument executed by the Chief Executive Officer or President of the party granting the waiver or extension. Waivers or extensions which do not comply with the preceding sentence are not effective. In accordance with this Section 8, a party may extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of any other party, and may waive:
 - any inaccuracies of any other party in the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or in any document delivered in connection with this Agreement;
 - (b) compliance with any of the covenants of any other party; and
 - (c) any other party's performance of any obligations under this Agreement and any other condition precedent set out in Section 5.
- 8.3 GENERAL INTERPRETATION. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or unless the context clearly requires otherwise: (1) the defined terms defined in this Agreement include the plural as well as the singular and (2) references in this Agreement to Sections, Subsections, Schedules, and Exhibits refer to Sections and Subsections of and Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement. Whenever the words "include", "includes", or "including" are used in this Agreement, the parties intend them to be interpreted as if they are followed by the words "without limitation." All accounting terms used in this Agreement that are not expressly defined in this Agreement have the respective meanings given to them in accordance with GAAP.
- 8.4 CONSTRUCTION AND EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement: (1) contains the parties' entire understanding, and no modification or amendment of its terms or conditions will be effective unless in writing and signed by the parties, or their respective duly authorized agents; (2) will not be interpreted by reference to any of the titles or headings to the Sections or Subsections, which have been inserted for convenience only and are not deemed a substantive part of this Agreement; (3) includes all amendments to this Agreement, each of which is made a part of this Agreement by this reference; and (4) may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which taken together will constitute one and the same document.
- 8.5 SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS. The representations and covenants in this Agreement will not survive Closing or termination of this Agreement, except that (1) Subsection 4.9 (confidentiality), Subsections 7.3 and 7.4 (termination fee), and Subsection 7.5 (expense allocation) will survive termination and Closing, and (2) the covenants in this Agreement that impose duties or obligations on the parties following Closing will survive Closing.
- 8.6 ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS. In the event of any dispute or litigation with respect to the terms and conditions or enforcement of rights or obligations arising by reason of this Agreement or the Transaction, the prevailing party in any such litigation will be entitled to reimbursement from the other party for its costs and expenses, including reasonable judicial and extra-judicial attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements, and fees, costs and expenses relating to any mediation or appeal.
- 8.7 ARBITRATION. At either party's request, the parties must submit any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with, or relating to, this Agreement or any breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, to arbitration under the American Arbitration Association's rules then in effect (or under any other form of arbitration mutually acceptable to the parties). A single arbitrator agreed on by the parties will conduct the arbitration. If the parties cannot agree on a single arbitrator, each party must select one

arbitrator and those two arbitrators will select a third arbitrator. This third arbitrator will hear the dispute. The arbitrator's decision is final (except as otherwise specifically provided by law) and binds the parties, and either party may request any court having jurisdiction to enter a judgment and to enforce the arbitrator's decision. The arbitrator will provide the parties with a written decision naming the substantially prevailing party in the action. This prevailing party is entitled to reimbursement from the other party for its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

- 8.8 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with Montana law, except to the extent that certain matters may be governed by federal law. The parties must bring any legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement in Flathead County, Montana or in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana.
- 8.9 SEVERABILITY. If a court determines that any term of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, the remainder of this Agreement is not affected, and each remaining term is valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 9

At any time before the Effective Date, whether before or after the parties have obtained any applicable stockholder approvals of the Transaction, the boards of directors of Glacier and Mountain West may: (1) amend or modify this Agreement or any attached Exhibit or Schedule and (2) grant waivers or time extensions in accordance with this Section 9. But, after Mountain West's stockholders have approved this Agreement, the parties' boards of directors may not without Mountain West stockholder approval amend or waive any provision of this Agreement if the amendment or waiver would reduce the amount or change the form of consideration Mountain West stockholders will receive in the Transaction. All amendments, modifications, extensions and waivers must be in writing and signed by the party agreeing to the amendment, modification, extension or waiver. Failure by any party to insist on strict compliance by the other party with any of its obligations, agreements or conditions under this Agreement, does not, without a writing, operate as a waiver or estoppel with respect to that or any other obligation, agreement, or condition.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

Signed as of September 9, 1999:

GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

By /s/ Michael J. Blodnick

Name: Michael J. Blodnick Title: President and CEO

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

By /s/ John W. Hippler

Name: Jon W. Hippler Title: President and CEO

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STATE (OF 1	MONTANA)	
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On this 9th day of September, 1999, before me personally appeared Michael J. Blodnick, to me known to be the President and Chief Executive Officer of GLACIER BANCORP, INC., the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes mentioned there, and who stated on oath that he was authorized to execute said instrument, and that the seal affixed (if any) was the official seal of said corporation.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, I have set my hand and official seal to this document as of the day and year first written above.

STATE OF WASHINGTON) , ss COUNTY OF SPOKANE)

On this 8th day of September, 1999, before me personally appeared Jon W. Hippler, to me known to be the President and Chief Executive Officer of MOUNTAIN WEST BANK, the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes mentioned there, and who stated on oath that he was authorized to execute said instrument, and that the seal affixed (if any) was the official seal of said corporation.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, I have set my hand and official seal to this document as of the day and year first written above.

/s/ Jody Hamilton

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of WA, residing at Spokane

Title:

My commission expires: 12/18/00

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BANKS AND BANKING CHAPTER 9 CONSOLIDATION, SALE AND REORGANIZATION

26-909. DISSENTING STOCKHOLDERS.

- (1) A dissenting stockholder of a state bank shall be entitled to receive the value in cash of only those shares which were voted against a merger to result in a state bank, against the conversion of a state bank into a national bank or against a sale of all or substantially all of the state bank's assets, and only if written demand thereupon is made to the resulting state or national bank at any time within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the merger or conversion accompanied by the surrender of the stock certificates. The value of such shares will be determined, as of the date of the stockholders' meeting approving the merger or conversion, by three (3) appraisers, one (1) to be selected by the vote of the owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the shares involved at a meeting called by the director on ten (10) days' notice, one (1) by the board of directors of the resulting state or national bank, and the third by the two (2) so chosen. The valuation agreed upon by any two (2) appraisers shall govern. If any necessary appraiser is not appointed within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the merger or conversion, the director shall make the necessary appointment, or if the appraisal is not completed within ninety (90) days after the merger or conversion becomes effective, the director shall cause an appraisal to be made.
- (2) The merger agreement may fix an amount which the merging banks consider to be the fair market value of the shares of a merging or a converting bank at the time of the stockholders' meeting approving the merger or conversion, which the resulting bank will pay dissenting stockholders of that bank entitled to payment in cash. The amount due under such accepted offer or under the appraisal shall constitute a debt of the resulting state or national bank.
- (3) The expenses of appraisal shall be paid by the resulting state bank except when the value fixed by the appraiser does not exceed the value fixed by the merger agreement in which case one-half (1/2) of the expenses shall be paid by the resulting bank and one-half (1/2) by the dissenting stockholders requesting the appraisal in proportion to their respective holdings.

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Board of Directors Mountain West Bank 125 Ironwood Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Members of the Board:

You have requested our opinion as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of Mountain West Bank ("MWB") of the consideration to be received by such shareholders pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated September 7, 1999, (the "Agreement") between MWB and Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("GBCI").

In connection with the proposed merger transaction (the "Merger") whereby MWB will merge into GBCI, each issued and outstanding share of MWB common stock (along with its associated rights) at the effective time of the Merger (other than (i) shares of holders of which are exercising appraisal rights pursuant to applicable law and (ii) shares held directly by or indirectly by the Bank other than shares held in a fiduciary capacity or in satisfaction of a debt previously contracted) shall be exchanged in a 100% stock transaction (the Merger "Consideration"). The estimated value of the GBCI merger is \$23.75 per share of MWB common stock and preferred stock. With the _______, 1999 closing stock price for GBCI of \$_____, the estimated value is \$_____ per share.

Columbia Financial Advisors, Inc. ("CFAI") as a part of its investment banking services, is periodically engaged in the valuation of banks and advises the directors, officers and shareholders of both public and private banks and thrift institutions with respect to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration to be received in transactions such as that proposed by the Agreement. With particular regard to our qualifications for rendering an opinion as to the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the Consideration to be received by holders of the shares from GBCI pursuant to the Merger, CFAI has advised Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon community banks regarding fairness of capital transactions. MWB has agreed to pay CFAI a fee for this opinion letter.

Board of Directors Mountain West Bank _____, 1999

In connection with rendering this opinion, we have, among other things: (I) reviewed the Agreement; (ii) reviewed MWB's financial information for the twelve months ended December 31, 1998 and for the nine months ended September 30, 1999; (iii) reviewed certain internal financial analyses and certain other forecasts for MWB prepared by and reviewed with the management of MWB; (iv) conducted interviews with senior management of MWB regarding the past and current business operations, results thereof, financial condition and future prospects of MWB; (v) reviewed the current market environment generally and the banking environment in particular; (vi) reviewed the prices paid in certain recent mergers and acquisitions in the banking industry on a regional basis; (vii) reviewed GBCI's audited financial information for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998 and for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, including the Forms 10-KSB and 10-QSB filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; (ix) reviewed the price ranges and dividend history for GBCI common stock; (x) and reviewed such other information, studies and analyses and performed such other investigations and took into account such other matters as we deemed appropriate.

In conducting our review and arriving at our opinion, we have relied on the accuracy and completeness of all information supplied or otherwise made available to us, and we have not independently verified such information nor have we undertaken an independent appraisal of the assets or liabilities of the MWB or GBCI. With respect to the financial forecasts referred to above, we have assumed that they have been reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgment of the senior management of MWB. This opinion is necessarily based upon circumstances and conditions as they exist and can be evaluated as of the date of this letter. We have not been authorized to solicit and did not solicit other entities for purposes of a business combination with MWB.

This opinion is based upon the information available to us and facts and circumstances as they exist and are subject to evaluation on the date hereof. We are not expressing any opinion herein as to the prices at which shares of GBCI Common Stock have traded or may trade at any future date.

This opinion is not intended to be and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote with respect to the merger.

In reliance upon and subject to the foregoing, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, the Merger Consideration to be received by the shareholders of MWB pursuant to the Agreement is fair, from a financial point of view, to the shareholders of MWB.

Board of Directors Mountain West Bank ____, 1999

We hereby consent to the reference to our firm in the proxy statement or prospectus related to the merger transaction and to the inclusion of our ${\sf v}$ opinion as an exhibit to the proxy statement or prospectus related to the merger transaction.

Very truly yours,

COLUMBIA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

By: Robert J. Rogowski

Principal

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 20. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify directors and officers as well as other employees and individuals against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with specified actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation--a "derivative action"), if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. A similar standard is applicable in the case of derivative actions, except that indemnification only extends to expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such actions, and the statute requires court approval before there can be any indemnification where the person seeking indemnification has been found liable to the corporation. The statute provides that it is not exclusive of other indemnification that may be granted by a corporation's charter, bylaws, disinterested director vote, stockholder vote, agreement or otherwise.

Article VI of Glacier's Bylaws requires the indemnification of any person made or threatened to be made party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer or employee of the Registrant or any predecessor of the Registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the Registrant or any predecessor of the Registrant as a director, officer or employee of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, excise taxes and amounts paid in settlement in connection with such action, suit or proceeding to the fullest extent authorized under Section 145 of the DGCL; provided however, that the Registrant will not be liable for any amounts due in connection with a settlement of any action, suit or proceeding effected without the Registrant's prior written consent, or any action, suit or proceeding initiated by any person seeking indemnification pursuant to the Bylaws without the prior written consent of the Registrant.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability for (i) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) payments of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions, or (iv) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article 8 of Glacier's Certificate of Incorporation provides that the personal liability of the Registrant's directors and officers for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as it exists or may thereafter be in effect. Any amendment to, modification or repeal of such Article 8 shall not adversely affect the rights provided thereby with respect to any claim, issue or matter in any proceeding that is based in any respect on any alleged action or failure to act prior to any such amendment, modification or repeal.

ITEM 21. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

- (a) The exhibits are listed on the accompanying "Exhibit Index".
- (b) Financial Statement Schedules. None.
- (c) The opinion of the financial advisor is set forth as APPENDIX C to this prospectus/proxy statement

the 1933 Act;

ITEM 22. UNDERTAKINGS

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which it offers or sells securities, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to;
 - (i) Include any prospectus required by Section $10\,(a)\,(3)$ of
- (ii) Reflect in the prospectus any facts or events which, individually or together, represent a fundamental change in the information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- $\mbox{(iii)}$ Include any additional or changed information on the plan of distribution;
- (2) For determining liability under the 1933 Act, to treat each such post-effective amendment as a new registration statement of the securities offered, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering.
- (3) To file a post-effective amendment to remove from registration any of the securities that remain unsold at the end of the offering.
- (b) To advise all directors and officers that insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the 1933 Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.
- (c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Item 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this form, within one business day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means. This includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the Effective Date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.
- (d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1933 Act, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Kalispell, State of Montana on November 5, 1999.

GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Blodnick

Michael J. Blodnick, President and
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose individual signature appears below hereby authorizes and appoints John S. MacMillan, Michael J. Blodnick and James H. Strosahl, and each of them, with full power of substitution and full power to act without the other, as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to act in his name, place and stead and to execute in the name and on behalf of each person, individually and in each capacity stated below, and to file any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, including any and all post-effective amendments.

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1933 Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated, on November 5, 1999.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE

By: /s/ Michael J. Blodnick

Michael J. Blodnick, President and
Chief Executive Officer and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ James H. Strosahl
James H. Strosahl, Chief Financial

Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

By: /s/ John S. MacMillan

John S. MacMillan, Chairman of the

Board and Director

By: /s/ William L. Bouchee
William L. Bouchee, Director

By: /s/ Fred J. Flanders
Fred J. Flanders, Director

By:	/s/	Al	len	J		Fet	tso	ch	er					
	Alle	en	J.	Fet	ts	che	er,	,	Dir	ect	or			

By: /s/ L. Peter Larson
L. Peter Larson, Director

By: /s/ F. Charles Mercord
F. Charles Mercord, Director

By: /s/ Everit A. Sliter

Everit A. Sliter, Director

By: /s/ Harold A. Tutvedt

Harold A. Tutvedt, Director

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit						
2.1	Plan and Agreement of Merger between Glacier, New Mountain West Bank, and Mountain West Bank dated as of September 9, 1999 (included in this Registration Statement as APPENDIX A to the prospectus/proxy statement).						
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation(1)						
3.2	Certificate of Merger (amending Certificate of Incorporation)(1)						
3.3	Bylaws(2)						
5.1	Opinion of Graham & Dunn, P.C. as to the legality of securities.						
8.1	Opinion of Graham & Dunn, P.C. as to federal income tax consequences of the merger.						
10.1	Stock Option Agreement between Glacier and Mountain West Bank dated as of September 9, 1999.						
10.2	Shareholder Agreement between Mountain West Bank and certain shareholders named therein, dated as of September 9, 1999.						
10.3	Employment Agreement between Mountain West Bank and Jon W. Hippler, dated as of September 14, 1999, effective as of merger effective date.						
10.4	Form of Employment Agreement between Mountain West Bank and certain existing executive officers.						
10.5	Noncompetition Agreement among Glacier, Mountain West Bank and each respective director of Mountain West Bank, dated as of September 9, 1999.						
21.1	List of Subsidiaries.						
23.1	Consent of Graham & Dunn, P.C. (contained in its opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).						
23.2	Consent of Graham & Dunn, P.C. as to its tax opinion (contained in its opinion filed as Exhibit 8.1).						
23.3	Consent of KPMG LLP, Glacier's independent auditors.						
23.4	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Mountain West Bank's independent accountants.						
23.5	Consent of Columbia Financial Advisors, Inc. with respect to Mountain West Bank fairness opinion (contained in its opinion filed as Exhibit 99.1).						
99.1	Form of opinion of Columbia Financial Advisors, Inc. to Mountain West Bank (included as APPENDIX C to the prospectus/proxy statement).						
99.2	Form of proxy to be mailed to the stockholders of Mountain West Bank.						
99.3	Rule 438 Consent of Jon W. Hippler.						

- (1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2, respectively, of the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Registrant (Registration No. 333-58502)
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by the Registrant (Registration No. 333-50965)

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EXHIBIT 5.1

November 10, 1999

The Board of Directors Glacier Bancorp, Inc. 202 Main Street Kalispell, Montana 59903

RE: LEGAL OPINION REGARDING VALIDITY OF SECURITIES OFFERED

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Glacier Bancorp, Inc., a Delaware corporation and bank holding company ("Glacier"), in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") of up to 979,980 shares of Glacier common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Shares"), to be issued in accordance with the Plan and Agreement of Merger dated September 9, 1999 (the "Plan") between Mountain West Bank, Glacier, and New Mountain West Bank, an Idaho banking corporation to be formed by Glacier.

In connection with the Shares that will be issued under the Plan, we have examined the following: (i) the Plan; (ii) the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Glacier with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 1999 (the "Registration Statement"); and (iii) such other documents as we have deemed necessary to form the opinion expressed below. As to various questions of fact material to such opinion, where relevant facts were not independently established, we have relied upon statements of officers of Glacier or representations and warranties of Glacier contained in the Plan. We have assumed without independent investigation or review, the accuracy and completeness of the facts and representations and warranties contained in the documents listed above or otherwise made known to us.

Our opinion assumes that the Shares are issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan after the Registration Statement has become effective under the ${\tt Act.}$

Based upon and relying solely upon the foregoing, we advise you that in our opinion, the Shares, or any portion thereof, when issued pursuant to the Plan, after the Registration Statement has become effective under the Act, will be validly issued under the laws of the State of Delaware and will be fully paid and nonassessessable.

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This opinion letter is limited to the application of the laws of the State of Delaware and the federal laws of the United States of America, and we express no opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdictions.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the legal reference to this firm under the caption "Certain Legal Matters" as having passed upon the validity of the Shares. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are experts within the meaning of the Act.

Very truly yours,

GRAHAM & DUNN PC

/s/ Graham & Dunn

EXHIBIT 8.1

November 10, 1999

Glacier Bancorp, Inc. 49 Commons Kalispell, MT 98277 Mountain West Bank 125 Ironwood Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-1059

RE: HOLDING COMPANY MERGER/TAX CONSEQUENCES

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter responds to your request for our opinion as to certain of the federal income tax consequences of the proposed merger ("Merger") of Mountain West Bank and New Mountain West Bank, a newly-formed subsidiary of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("Glacier").

We have acted as legal counsel to Glacier and New Mountain West Bank in connection with the Merger. For the purpose of rendering this opinion, we have examined and relied upon originals, certified copies, or copies otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true copies of the originals of the following documents, including all exhibits and schedules attached to them:

- a. The Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated September 9, 1999, among Glacier, New Mountain West Bank and Mountain West Bank (the "Merger Agreement");
- b. Form S-4 Registration Statement of Glacier filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 10, 1999 ("Registration Statement");
- c. The Proxy Statement of Mountain West Bank (included as part of the Registration Statement) ("Proxy Statement");
- d. The factual representations set forth in a letter from New Mountain West Bank and Glacier and in a separate letter from Mountain West Bank, each dated November 9, 1999 ("Representation Letters"); and
- e. Such other documents, instruments, records and information pertaining to the Merger as we have deemed necessary for rendering our opinion.

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We have assumed, without independent investigation or review, the accuracy and completeness of the facts and representations and warranties contained in those documents or otherwise made known to us, that the Merger will be effected in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, and that the representations contained in the Representation Letters will be true and complete at the effective date of the Merger.

In connection with the Merger and pursuant to the Merger Agreement, each share of Mountain West Bank voting common stock will be exchanged for shares of Glacier voting common stock, based on the exchange rate established in the Merger Agreement. No fractional shares will be issued; cash will be paid in lieu of fractional share interests. Mountain West Bank shareholders who perfect their dissenters' rights under state law will be paid the cash value of their Mountain West Bank shares. Such payments will be made by Mountain West Bank without reimbursement by Glacier or New Mountain West Bank. Upon the consummation of the Merger, New Mountain West Bank will continue the historic business of Mountain West Bank.

Based upon our review of the facts described above and our analysis of the law, and subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth herein, and the completion of the transactions described in the manner contemplated, it is our opinion that:

- 1. The merger of Mountain West Bank into New Mountain West Bank for cash and for Glacier voting common stock, as described above, will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code"). Mountain West Bank, New Mountain West Bank, and Glacier will each be a "party to a reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code.
- 2. No gain or loss will be recognized by Mountain West Bank shareholders upon the receipt of Glacier voting common stock in exchange for their shares of Mountain West Bank stock, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional share interests, pursuant to Section 354(a)(1) of the Code.
- 3. The basis of the shares of Glacier voting common stock received by Mountain West Bank shareholders will be the same as the basis of the Mountain West Bank stock surrendered in exchange therefor, less any basis attributable to fractional shares for which cash is received, pursuant to Section 358(a)(1) of the Code.
- 4. The holding period of the shares of Glacier voting common stock received by Mountain West Bank shareholders will include the holding period during which the Mountain West Bank stock surrendered in exchange therefor was held,

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provided that the shares of Mountain West Bank stock were held as a capital asset in the hands of the exchanging shareholders on the date of the exchange, pursuant to Section 1223(1) of the Code.

- 5. Where cash is received by any shareholder of Mountain West Bank in exchange for the surrender of such shareholder's Mountain West Bank stock, the cash will be treated as received by the shareholder as a distribution in redemption of his or her Mountain West Bank stock, subject to the provisions and limitations of Section 302 of the Code
- No gain or loss will be recognized by Mountain West Bank upon the transfer of its assets to New Mountain West Bank, pursuant to Sections 361 and 357(a) of the Code.
- 7. The basis of the assets of Mountain West Bank acquired by New Mountain West Bank will be the same as the basis of Mountain West Bank in the assets immediately before the Merger, pursuant to Section 362(b) of the Code.
- 8. The holding period of the assets acquired by New Mountain West Bank will include the period such assets were held by Mountain West Bank, pursuant to Section 1223(2) of the Code.
- 9. No gain or loss will be recognized by New Mountain West Bank upon the receipt by New Mountain West Bank of the assets of Mountain West Bank, as described above.

Our opinion represents only our best legal judgment as to the probable federal income tax consequences of the transaction described, based upon existing law. Our opinion is not intended to be a conclusive statement as to all of the tax consequences of the transaction and is expressly limited to the matters addressed. Further, our opinion is not binding upon the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or any court and has no official status of any kind, and no private ruling regarding the matters discussed has been or will be requested from the IRS. The IRS has ruled in a number of private rulings that transactions substantially identical to the Merger result in tax consequences consistent with those described in this opinion. Although such rulings do not constitute authority on which we can rely in expressing our opinion, such rulings generally do reflect the position of the IRS. Each shareholder, however, is urged to consult with his or her own tax advisor with respect to their individual tax situation. Our opinion is intended solely for the benefit of Glacier, the shareholders of Glacier, and the shareholders of Mountain West Bank,

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and may not be relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person or entity or made available to any other person or entity without our prior written consent.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to us under the heading "THE MERGER - - Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Merger" in the Proxy Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

GRAHAM & DUNN

/s/ Graham & Dunn

THN/mbl

EXHIBIT 10.1

STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

This Stock Option Agreement ("Agreement"), dated as of September 9, 1999, is between MOUNTAIN WEST BANK ("Mountain West"), an Idaho banking corporation, and GLACIER BANCORP, INC. ("Glacier"), a Delaware business corporation.

Mountain West and Glacier have executed a Plan and Agreement of Merger ("Merger Agreement"), of even date with this Agreement, which would result in the merger of Mountain West with a newly formed bank subsidiary of Glacier.

By negotiating and executing the Merger Agreement and by taking actions necessary or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, Glacier has incurred and will incur substantial direct and indirect costs (including, without limitation, the costs of management and employee time) and will forgo the pursuit of certain alternative investments and transactions.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises set forth in this Agreement and in the Merger Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Grant of Option. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Mountain West irrevocably grants an option ("Option") to Glacier to purchase an aggregate of 206,326 authorized but unissued shares of Mountain West's Common Stock, no par value ("Common Stock") (which if issued, and assuming exercise of outstanding options to acquire the Common Stock, would represent approximately 19.9% of total stock issued and outstanding), at a per share price of \$21 ("Option Price"), which was the estimated fair market value of the Common Stock at June 30, 1999.
- Exercise of Option. Subject to the provisions of this Section 2 and of Section 130 of this Agreement, this Option may be exercised by Glacier or any transferee as set forth in Section 5 of this Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time, or from time to time in any of the following circumstances:
 - (a) Mountain West or its board of directors enters into an agreement or recommends to Mountain West shareholders an agreement (other than the Merger Agreement) under which any entity, person or group (collectively "Person"), within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), would: (1) merge or consolidate with, acquire 51% or more of the assets or liabilities of, or enter into any similar transaction with Mountain West, or (2) purchase or otherwise acquire (including by merger, consolidation, share exchange or any similar transaction) securities representing 10% or more of Mountain West's voting shares of Mountain West;

- (b) any Person (other than Glacier or any of its subsidiaries and other than any Person owning as of the date of this Agreement 10% or more of the voting shares of Mountain West) acquires the beneficial ownership or the right to acquire beneficial ownership of securities which, when aggregated with other such securities owned by such Person, represents 10% or more of the voting shares of Mountain West (the term "beneficial ownership" for purposes of this Agreement has the meaning set forth in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, and the regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act); notwithstanding the foregoing, the Option will not be exercisable in the circumstances described above in this subsection (b) if a Person acquires the beneficial ownership of securities which, when aggregated with other such securities owned by such Person, represents 10% or more, but less than 25%, of the voting shares of Mountain West and the transaction does not result in, and is not presumed to constitute, "control" as defined under Section 7(j) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act or 12 CFR Part 303.4;
- (c) failure of the board of directors of Mountain West to recommend, or withdrawal by the board of directors of a prior recommendation of, the Merger to the shareholders; or
- (d) failure of the shareholders to approve the Merger by the required affirmative vote at a meeting of the shareholders, after any Person (other than Glacier or a subsidiary of Glacier) announces publicly or communicates, in writing, to Mountain West a proposal to (1) acquire Mountain West (by merger, consolidation, the purchase of 51% or more of its assets or liabilities or any other similar transaction), (2) purchase or otherwise acquire securities representing 25% or more of the voting shares of Mountain West or (3) change the composition of the board of directors of Mountain West.

It is understood and agreed that the Option will become exercisable on the occurrence of any of the above-described circumstances even though the circumstance occurred as a result, in part or in whole, of the board of Mountain West complying with its fiduciary duties.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Option may not be exercised if either (1) any applicable and required governmental approvals have not been obtained with respect to such exercise or if such exercise would violate any applicable regulatory restrictions, or (2) at the time of exercise, Glacier is failing in any material respect to perform or observe its covenants or conditions under the Merger Agreement, unless the reason for such failure is that Mountain West is failing to perform or observe its covenants or conditions under the Merger Agreement.

- 3. Notice, Time and Place of Exercise. Each time that Glacier or any transferee wishes to exercise any portion of the Option, Glacier or such transferee will give written notice of its intention to exercise the Option specifying the number of shares as to which the Option is being exercised ("Option Shares") and the place and date for the closing of the exercise (which date may not be later than ten business days from the date such notice is mailed). If any law, regulation or other restriction will not permit such exercise to be consummated during this ten-day period, the date for the closing of such exercise will be within five days following the cessation of the restriction on consummation.
- 4. Payment and Delivery of Certificate(s). At any closing for an exercise of the Option or any portion thereof, (a) Glacier and Mountain West will each deliver to the other certificates as to the accuracy, as of the closing date, of their respective representations and warranties under this Agreement, (b) Glacier or the transferees will pay the aggregate purchase price for the shares of Common Stock to be purchased by delivery of a certified or bank cashier's check in immediately available funds payable to the order of Mountain West, and (c) Mountain West will deliver to Glacier or the transferees a certificate or certificates representing the shares so purchased.
- 5. Transferability of the Option and Option Shares. Before the Option, or a portion of the Option, becomes exercisable in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this Agreement, neither the Option nor any portion of the Option will be transferable. If any of the events or circumstances set forth in Sections 20 through 0 above occur, Glacier may freely transfer, subject to applicable federal and state securities laws, the Option or any portion of the Option, or any of the Option Shares.

For purposes of this Agreement, a merger or consolidation of Glacier (whether or not Glacier is the surviving entity) or an acquisition of Glacier will not be deemed a transfer.

- 6. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Mountain West. Mountain West represents and warrants to Glacier as follows:
 - (a) Due Authorization. This Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Mountain West, has been duly executed by a duly authorized officer of Mountain West and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Mountain West. No shareholder approval by Mountain West shareholders is required by applicable law or otherwise before the exercise of the Option in whole or in part.
 - (b) Option Shares. Mountain West has taken all necessary corporate and other action to authorize and reserve and to permit it to issue and, at all times from the date of this Agreement to such time as the obligation to deliver shares under this Agreement terminates, will have reserved for issuance, at the closing(s) upon exercise of the Option, or any portion of the Option, the Option Shares (subject to adjustment, as provided in Section 8 below), all of which, upon issuance under this Agreement, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and

will be delivered free and clear of all claims, liens, encumbrances and security interests, including any preemptive right of any of the shareholders of Mountain West.

- (c) No Conflicts. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by it will violate or result in any violation of or be in conflict with or constitute a default under any term of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of Mountain West or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, law, rule or order applicable to Mountain West or any subsidiary of Mountain West or to which Mountain West or any such subsidiary is a party.
- (d) Notification of Record Date. At any time from and after the date of this Agreement until the Option is no longer exercisable, Mountain West will give Glacier or any transferee 30 days prior written notice before setting the record date for determining the holders of record of the Common Stock entitled to vote on any matter, to receive any dividend or distribution or to participate in any rights offering or other matters, or to receive any other benefit or right, with respect to the Common Stock.
- 7. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Glacier. Glacier represents and warrants to Mountain West as follows:
 - (a) Due Authorization. This Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Glacier, has been duly executed by a duly authorized officer of Glacier and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Glacier.
 - (b) Transfers of Common Stock. No shares of Common Stock acquired upon exercise of the Option will be transferred except in a transaction registered or exempt from registration under any applicable securities laws.
 - (c) No Conflicts. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by it will violate or result in any violation of or be in conflict with or constitute a default under any term of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of Glacier or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, law, rule or order applicable to Glacier or any subsidiary of Glacier or to which Glacier or any such subsidiary is a party.
- 8. Adjustment Upon Changes in Capitalization. In the event of any change in the Common Stock by reason of stock dividends, split-ups, mergers, recapitalizations, combinations, exchanges of shares or the like, the number and kind of shares or securities subject to the Option and the purchase price per share of Common Stock will be appropriately adjusted. If, before the Option terminates or is exercised, Mountain West is acquired by another party, consolidates with or merges into another corporation or liquidates, Glacier or any

transferee will thereafter receive, upon exercise of the Option, the securities or properties to which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock then deliverable upon the exercise thereof would have been entitled upon such acquisition, consolidation, merger or liquidation, and Mountain West will take all steps in connection with such acquisition, consolidation, merger or liquidation as may be necessary to assure that the provisions of this agreement will thereafter be applicable, as nearly as reasonably may be practicable, in relation to any securities or property thereafter deliverable upon exercise of the Option.

- 9. Nonassignability. This Agreement binds and inures to the benefit of the parties and their successors. This Agreement is not assignable by either party, but Glacier may transfer the Option, the Option Shares or any portion of the Option or Option Shares in accordance with Section 5. A merger or consolidation of Glacier (whether or not Glacier is the surviving entity) or an acquisition of Glacier will not be deemed an assignment or transfer.
- 10. Regulatory Restrictions. Mountain West will use its best efforts to obtain or to cooperate with Glacier or any transferee in obtaining all necessary regulatory consents, approvals, waivers or other action (whether regulatory, corporate or other) to permit the acquisition of any or all Option Shares by Glacier or any transferee.
- 11. Remedies. Mountain West agrees that if for any reason Glacier or any transferee will have exercised its rights under this Agreement and Mountain West will have failed to issue the Option Shares to be issued upon such exercise or to perform its other obligations under this Agreement, unless such action would violate any applicable law or regulation by which Mountain West is bound, then Glacier or any transferee will be entitled to specific performance and injunctive and other equitable relief. Glacier agrees that if it fails to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, then Mountain West will be entitled to specific performance and injunctive and other equitable relief. This provision is without prejudice to any other rights that Mountain West or Glacier or any transferee may have against the other party for any failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- 12. No Rights as Shareholder. This Option, before it is exercised, will not entitle its holder to any rights as a shareholder of Mountain West at law or in equity. Specifically, this Option, before it is exercised, will not entitle the holder to vote on any matter presented to the shareholders of Mountain West or, except as provided in this Agreement, to any notice of any meetings of shareholders or any other proceedings of Mountain West.
- 13. Miscellaneous.
 - (a) Termination. This Agreement and the Option, to the extent not previously exercised, will terminate upon the earliest of (1) April 30, 2000; (2) the mutual agreement of the parties to this Agreement; (3) 31 days after the date on which any application for regulatory approval for the Merger has been denied, but if before the expiration of the 31-day period, Mountain West or Glacier is engaged

in litigation or an appeal procedure relating to an attempt to obtain approval of the Merger, this Agreement will not terminate until the earlier of (i) April 30, 2000, or (ii) 31 days after the completion of the litigation and appeal procedure; (4) the 30th day following the termination of the Merger Agreement for any reason other than a material noncompliance or default by Glacier with respect to its obligations under it; or (5) the date of termination of the Merger Agreement if the termination is due to a material noncompliance or default by Glacier with respect to its obligations under it; but if the Option has been exercised, in whole or in part, before the termination of this Agreement, then the exercise will close under Section 4 of this Agreement, even though that closing date is after the termination of this Agreement; and if the Option is sold before the termination of this Agreement, the Option may be exercised by the transferee at any time within 31 days after the date of termination even though such exercise or the closing of such exercise occurs after the termination of this Agreement.

- (b) Amendments. This Agreement may not be modified, amended, altered or supplemented, except upon the execution and delivery of a written agreement executed by the parties.
- (c) Severability of Terms. Any provision of this Agreement that is invalid, illegal or unenforceable is ineffective only to the extent of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting in any way the remaining provisions or rendering any other provisions of this Agreement invalid, illegal or unenforceable. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if the right of Glacier or any transferee to exercise the Option in full for the total number of shares of Common Stock or other securities or property issuable upon the exercise of the Option is limited by applicable law, or otherwise, Glacier or any transferee may, nevertheless, exercise the Option to the fullest extent permissible.
- (d) Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications under this Agreement must be in writing and must be given (and will be deemed to have been duly received if so given) by delivery, by cable, telecopies or telex, or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the respective parties at the addresses below, or to such other address as either party may furnish to the other in writing. Change of address notices will be effective upon receipt.

If to Mountain West to:

Mountain West Bank P.O. Box 1059 125 Ironwood Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816 Attn: Jon W. Hippler With a copy to:

Wayne Sweney, Esq. Lukins & Annis, P.S. 250 NW Boulevard, Suite 102 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

If to Glacier, to:

Glacier Bancorp, Inc. 49 Commons Loop Kalispell, MT 59901 Attn: Michael J. Blodnick

With a copy to:

Stephen M. Klein, Esq. Graham & Dunn, P.C. 1420 Fifth Avenue, 33rd Floor Seattle, WA 98101-2390

- (e) Governing Law. The parties intend this Agreement and the Option, in all respects, including all matters of construction, validity and performance, to be governed by the laws of the State of Montana, without giving effect to conflicts of law principles.
- (f) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which is an original, and all of which together constitute one and the same agreement.
- (g) Effects of Headings. The section headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and do not affect the meaning of its provisions.

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Dated September 9, 1999:

GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

BY /s/ Michael J. Blodnick
Michael J. Blodnick

Its: President and CEO

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

By /s/ Jon W. Hippler

Jon W. Hippler
Its: President and CEO

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SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENT (Mountain West Bank)

This Shareholder Agreement ("Shareholder Agreement"), dated as of September 9, 1999, is between MOUNTAIN WEST BANK ("Mountain West"), and the undersigned, who are Shareholders and Directors and/or Officers (the "Shareholders") of Mountain West.

RECITALS

- A. Mountain West and Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("Glacier") have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement"), dated as of September 9, 1999, under which all the outstanding shares of Mountain West common stock will be exchanged for common stock shares of Glacier and Mountain West will merge with New Mountain West Bank (the "Merger").
- B. The Shareholders beneficially own with power to vote or direct the voting of the shares of Mountain West Common stock identified on Annex 1 to this Shareholder Agreement (such shares, together will all shares of Mountain West common stock subsequently acquired during the term of this Shareholder Agreement, being referred to as the "Shares").
- C. The obligation of Mountain West and Glacier to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement are conditioned on their receipt of voting agreements from all Shareholders of Mountain West.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of Glacier's and Mountain West's performance under the Agreement, the Shareholders agree as follows:

- 1. Agreement to Vote Shares. The Shareholders shall vote or cause to be voted, or execute a written consent with respect to, the Shares in favor of adoption and approval of the Agreement and the Merger and all transactions relating thereto at every meeting of the shareholders of Mountain West at which such matters are considered and at every adjournment thereof and in connection with every proposal to take action by written consent with respect to the Merger.
- 2. No Voting Trusts. The Shareholders agree that the Shareholders will not, nor will the Shareholders permit any entity under the Shareholders' control to, deposit any Shares in a voting trust or subject the Shares to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the voting of the Shares inconsistent with this Shareholder Agreement.

- 3. Limitation on Sales. During the term of this Shareholder Agreement, the Shareholders agree not to sell, assign, transfer, pledge, encumber or otherwise dispose of any of the Shares.
- 4. Representations and Warranties of Shareholder. The Shareholders represent and warrant as follows:
 - a. Capacity. The Shareholders have all requisite capacity and authority to enter into and perform his or her obligations under this Shareholder Agreement.
 - b. Binding Agreement. This Shareholder Agreement constitutes the valid and legally binding obligation of the Shareholders, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.
 - c. Non-Contravention. The execution and delivery of this Shareholder Agreement by the Shareholders do not, and the performance by the Shareholders of his or her obligations hereunder and the consummation by the Shareholders of the transactions contemplated hereby will not violate, or conflict with, or constitute a default under, any agreement, instrument, contract or other obligation or any order, arbitration award, judgment or decree to which the Shareholders are a party or by which the Shareholders are bound, or any statute, rule or regulation to which the Shareholders are subject.
 - d. Ownership of Shares. Annex 1 to this Shareholder Agreement correctly sets forth, as of the date of this Shareholder Agreement, the number of shares of Mountain West Common Stock owned beneficially and of record by the Shareholders. The Shareholders have good title to all of the Shares indicated as owned by the Shareholders in the capacity set forth on Annex 1, and such Shares are so owned free and clear of any liens, security interests, charges or other encumbrances.
- 5. Term of Agreement; Termination. The term of this Shareholder Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and such term and this Shareholder Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier to occur of (i) the Effective Time or (ii) the date on which the Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms. Upon such termination, no party shall have any further obligations or liabilities hereunder; provided, however, such termination shall not relieve any party from liability for any breach of this Shareholder Agreement prior to such termination.

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Miscellaneous.

- a. Severability. If any provision of this Shareholder Agreement or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision or application shall be unenforceable only to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability, and the remainder of the provision held invalid or unenforceable and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances, other than the party as to which it is held invalid, and the remainder of this Shareholder Agreement, shall not be affected.
- b. Capacity. The covenants contained herein shall apply to the Shareholders solely in his or her capacity as a shareholder of Mountain West, and no covenant contained herein shall apply to the Shareholders in his or her capacity as a director of such company.
- c. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- d. Governing Law. This Shareholder Agreement shall be deemed a contract made under, and for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Idaho.
- e. Remedies. Any breach of this Shareholder Agreement entitles Mountain West and Glacier to injunctive relief and/or specific performance, as well as any other legal or equitable remedies they may be entitled to.

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4 SIGNED as of September 9, 1999:	
SHAREHOLDER:	
/s/ Liz Wilson	/s/ Bradley Dugdale
/s/ Charles Nipp	/s/ Paula Smyly
/s/ Jon W. Hippler	/s/ Kim Jacklin
/s/ Stephen F. Meyer	/s/ Diane E. Reed
/s/ James Patano	/s/ Ronn D. Rich
/s/ David Chapman	/s/ Robert M. Beck
/s/ James English	/s/ Cindy Quillin
/s/ Thomas Thilo	/s/ Douglas Parker
/s/ Marilyn Montgomery	/s/ Michael McKinnis
MOUNTAIN WEST BANK	
By: /s/ Jon W. Hippler	
Jon W. Hippler President and Chief Executive Officer	

ANNEX 1

JON HIPPLER:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

31,605

DAVID CHAPMAN:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

17,358

BRADLEY DUGDALE:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

11,349

MARILYN MONTGOMERY:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

JAMES ENGLISH:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

4,396

STEPHEN MEYER:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

22,349

CHARLES NIPP:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

14,829

DOUGLAS PARKER:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

JAMES M. PATANO:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

15,162

THOMAS THILO:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

15,788

RONN RICH:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

17,305

PAULA SMYLY:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

DIANE REED:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

7,160

KIM JACKLIN:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

1,200

ELIZABETH WILSON:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

ROBERT BECK:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

610

MICHAEL MCKINNIS:

Number of Shares of Mountain West

Common Stock Beneficially Owned, as of September 9, 1999 (including shares issuable upon exercise of options or warrants that are exercisable within sixty (60) days of the date hereof):

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Holds options not exercisable until 6/16/2000

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), signed as of September 9, 1999, between MOUNTAIN WEST BANK ("Bank") and JON W. HIPPLER ("Executive") and ratified by GLACIER BANCORP, INC., takes effect on the effective date of the Merger ("Effective Date").

PECTUALS

- A. Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("Glacier") has entered into a Plan and Agreement of Merger ("Merger Agreement") with the Bank, pursuant to which the Bank will merge with a newly-formed subsidiary of Glacier (the "Merger"). As a result of the Merger, the Bank will be a subsidiary of Glacier.
- B. Before the Merger, Executive has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank.
- C. Glacier and the Bank desire Executive to continue his employment at the Bank under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. Executive desires to continue his employment at the Bank under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- E. This Agreement supercedes any and all other employment or similar agreements that may currently be in effect for Executive.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the promises set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows.

- EMPLOYMENT. The Bank agrees to employ Executive, and Executive accepts employment by the Bank on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Executive's title will be President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank. During the Term of this Agreement, Executive will serve as a director of the Bank and of Glacier.
- EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM.
 - a. Term. The term of this Agreement ("Term") is three years, beginning on the Effective Date.
 - b. Abandonment or Termination of the Merger. This Agreement is void if the Merger Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms

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- 3. DUTIES. The Bank will employ Executive as its President. Executive will faithfully and diligently perform his assigned duties, which are as follows:
 - a. Bank Performance. Executive will be responsible for all aspects of the Bank's performance, including without limitation, directing that daily operational and managerial matters are performed in a manner consistent with Glacier's and the Bank's policies.
 - Development and Preservation of Business. Executive will be responsible for the development and preservation of banking relationships and other business development efforts (including appropriate civic and community activities) in Kootenai, Ada and Canyon County, Idaho.
 - c. Report to Board. Executive will report directly to the Bank's board of directors and to the Chief Executive Officer of Glacier. The Bank's board of directors may, from time to time, modify Executive's title or add, delete, or modify Executive's performance responsibilities to accommodate management succession, as well as any other management objectives of the Bank or of Glacier. Executive will assume any additional positions, duties, and responsibilities as may reasonably be requested of him with or without additional compensation, as appropriate and consistent with Sections O(a) and O(b) of this Agreement.
- 4. EXTENT OF SERVICES. Executive will devote all of his working time, attention and skill to the duties and responsibilities set forth in Section 0. To the extent that such activities do not interfere with his duties under Section 0, Executive may participate in other businesses as a passive investor, but (a) Executive may not actively participate in the operation or management of those businesses, and (b) Executive may not, without the Bank's prior written consent, make or maintain any investment in a business with which the Bank and/or Glacier has an existing competitive or commercial relationship.
- GLACIER BOARD. During the Term, Glacier will use its best efforts to nominate and recommend Executive for election to Glacier's board of directors.
- 5. SALARY. Initially, Executive will receive an annual salary of \$125,000, to be paid in accordance with the Bank's regular payroll schedule. Subsequent salary increases are subject to the Bank's annual review of Executive's compensation and performance.
- 6. INCENTIVE COMPENSATION. Each year during the Term, the Bank's board of directors, subject to ratification by Glacier's board of directors, will determine the amount of bonus to be paid by the Bank to Executive for that year. In making this determination, the Bank's board of directors will consider factors such as Executive's performance of his duties and the safety, soundness and profitability of the Bank. Executive's bonus will reflect Executive's contribution to the performance of the Bank during the year, also taking into account the nature and extent of incentive bonuses paid to comparable senior officers at Glacier. This bonus will be paid to Executive no later than January 31 of the year following the year in which the bonus is earned by Executive.

7. INCOME DEFERRAL. Executive will be eligible to participate in any program available to the Bank's and Glacier's senior management for income deferral, for the purpose of deferring receipt of any or all of the compensation he may become entitled to under this Agreement.

VACATION AND BENEFITS.

- a. Vacation and Holidays. Executive will receive the greater of (a) four weeks of paid vacation each year or (b) the vacation benefits set forth in Glacier's schedule for senior employees with Executive's years of service with the Bank, in addition to all holidays observed by the Bank. Executive may carry over, in the aggregate, up to six week(s) of unused vacation to a subsequent year. Any unused vacation time in excess of six weeks will not accumulate or carry over from one calendar year to the next.
- b. Benefits. Executive will be entitled to participate in any group life insurance, disability, health and accident insurance plans, profit sharing and pension plans and in other employee fringe benefit programs the Bank or Glacier may have in effect from time to time for its similarly situated employees, in accordance with and subject to any policies adopted by the Bank's or Glacier's board of directors with respect to the plans or programs, including without limitation, any incentive or employee stock option plan, deferred compensation plan, 401(k) plan, and Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP). Neither the Bank nor Glacier through this Agreement obligates itself to make any particular benefits available to its employees. During the Term and consistent with past practice, Executive will also receive (1) the use of a Bank automobile and (2) an annual membership to Hayden Lake Country Club.
- c. Business Expenses. The Bank will reimburse Executive for ordinary and necessary expenses which are consistent with past practice at the Bank (including, without limitation, travel, entertainment, and similar expenses) and which are incurred in performing and promoting the Bank's business. Executive will present from time to time itemized accounts of these expenses, subject to any limits of Bank policy or the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

9. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

a. Termination By Bank for Cause. If the Bank terminates Executive's employment for Cause (defined below) before this Agreement terminates, the Bank will pay Executive the salary earned and expenses reimbursable under this Agreement incurred through the date of his termination. Executive will have no right to receive compensation or other benefits for any period after termination under this Section 9(a).

- b. Other Termination By Bank. If the Bank terminates Executive's employment without Cause before this Agreement terminates, or Executive terminates his employment for Good Reason (defined below), the Bank will pay Executive for the remainder of the Term the compensation and other benefits he would have been entitled to if his employment had not terminated.
- c. Death or Disability. This Agreement terminates (1) if Executive dies or (2) if Executive is unable to perform his duties and obligations under this Agreement for a period of 90 consecutive days as a result of a physical or mental disability arising at any time during the term of this Agreement, unless with reasonable accommodation Executive could continue to perform his duties under this Agreement and making these accommodations would not pose an undue hardship on the Bank. If termination occurs under this Section 0(c), Executive or his estate will be entitled to receive all compensation and benefits earned and expenses reimbursable through the date Executive's employment terminated.
- d. Termination Related to a Change in Control.
 - (1) Termination by Bank. If the Bank, or its successor in interest by merger, or its transferee in the event of a purchase in an assumption transaction, (for reasons other than Executive's death, disability, or Cause) (1) terminates Executive's employment within one year following a Change in Control (as defined below) or (2) terminates Executive's employment before the Change in Control but on or after the date that any party either announces or is required by law to announce any prospective Change in Control transaction and a Change in Control occurs within six months after the termination, the Bank will provide Executive with the payment and benefits described in Section 10(d)(3).
 - (2) Termination by Executive. If Executive terminates Executive's employment, with or without Good Reason, within one year following a Change in Control, the Bank will provide Executive with the payment and benefits described in Section 9(d)(3).
 - (3) Payments. If Section 9(d)(1) or (2) is triggered in accordance with its terms, the Bank will: (i) pay Executive a single payment in an amount equal to Executive's annual salary (determined as of the day before the date Executive's employment was terminated) and (ii) maintain and provide for one-year following Executive's termination, at no cost to Executive, the benefits described in Section 8(b) to which Executive is entitled (determined as of the day before the date of such termination); but if Executive's participation in any such benefit is thereafter barred or not feasible, or discontinued or materially reduced, the Bank will arrange to provide Executive with either benefits substantially similar to those benefits or a cash payment of substantially similar value in lieu of the benefits.

- e. Limitations on Payments Related to Change in Control. The following apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:
 - (1) the total of the payments and benefits described in Section 9(d)(3) will be less than the amount that would cause them to be a "parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G(b)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code;
 - (2) the payments and benefits described in Section 9(d)(3) will be reduced by any compensation (in the form of cash or other benefits) received by Executive from the Bank or its successor after the Change in Control; and
 - (3) Executive's right to receive the payments and benefits described in Section 9(d)(3) terminates (i) immediately, if before the Change in Control transaction closes, Executive terminates his employment without Good Reason or the Bank terminates Executive's employment for Cause, or (ii) one year after a Change in Control occurs.
- f. Return of Bank Property. If and when Executive ceases, for any reason, to be employed by the Bank, Executive must return to the Bank all keys, pass cards, identification cards and any other property of the Bank or Glacier. At the same time, Executive also must return to the Bank all originals and copies (whether in hard copy, electronic or other form) of any documents, drawings, notes, memoranda, designs, devices, diskettes, tapes, manuals, and specifications which constitute proprietary information or material of the Bank or Glacier. The obligations in this paragraph include the return of documents and other materials which may be in his desk at work, in his car, in place of residence, or in any other location under his control.
- g. Cause. "Cause" means any one or more of the following:
 - (1) Willful misfeasance or gross negligence in the performance of Executive's duties;
 - (2) Conviction of a crime in connection with his duties;
 - (3) Conduct demonstrably and significantly harmful to the Bank, as reasonably determined on the advice of legal counsel by the Bank's board of directors; or
 - (4) Permanent disability, meaning a physical or mental impairment which renders Executive incapable of substantially performing the duties required under this Agreement, and which is expected to continue rendering Executive so incapable for the reasonably foreseeable future.

h. Good Reason. "Good Reason" means only any one or more of the following:

- (1) Reduction of Executive's salary or reduction or elimination of any compensation or benefit plan benefiting Executive, unless the reduction or elimination is generally applicable to substantially all Bank employees (or employees of a successor or controlling entity of the Bank) formerly benefited;
- (2) The assignment to Executive without his consent of any authority or duties materially inconsistent with Executive's position as of the date of this Agreement;
- (3) The material breach of this Agreement by Glacier; or
- (4) A relocation or transfer of Executive's principal place of employment that would require Executive to commute on a regular basis more than 20 miles each way from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with the exception of travel to and from Boise. Idaho.
- i. Change in Control. "Change in Control" means a change "in the ownership or effective control" or "in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Bank, within the meaning of section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 10. CONFIDENTIALITY. Executive will not, after the date this Agreement was signed, including during and after its Term, use for his own purposes or disclose to any other person or entity any confidential business information concerning the Bank or Glacier or their business operations, unless (1) the Bank or Glacier consents to the use or disclosure of their respective confidential information; (2) the use or disclosure is consistent with Executive's duties under this Agreement or (3) disclosure is required by law or court order. For purposes of this Agreement, confidential business information includes, without limitation, trade secrets (as defined under the Montana Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Montana Code Section 30-14-402), various confidential information concerning all aspects of current and future operations, nonpublic information on investment management practices, marketing plans, pricing structure and technology of either the Bank or Glacier. Executive will also treat the terms of this Agreement as confidential business information.
- 11. NONCOMPETITION. During the Term and the terms of any extensions or renewals of this Agreement and for a period equal to the greater of (a) two years after Executive's employment with the Bank and/or Glacier has terminated (one year if Glacier does not offer Executive comparable employment at the end of the Term) or (b) three years from the Closing of the Merger, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, as a shareholder, director, officer, employee, partner, agent, consultant, lessor, creditor or otherwise:

- a. provide management, supervisory or other similar services to any person or entity engaged in any business in Kootenai, Ada or Canyon County, Idaho (or any other counties in which the Bank or Glacier may have a presence) which is competitive with the business of the Bank or Glacier as conducted during the term of this Agreement or as conducted as of the date of termination of employment, including any preliminary steps associated with the formation of a new bank;
- b. persuade or entice, or attempt to persuade or entice, any employee of the Bank or Glacier to terminate his/her employment with the Bank or Glacier; or
- c. persuade or entice or attempt to persuade or entice, any person or entity to terminate, cancel, rescind or revoke its business or contractual relationships with the Bank or Glacier.

12. ENFORCEMENT.

- a. The Bank and Executive stipulate that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances of the relationship between Executive and the Bank, the agreements referred to in Sections 10 and 11 (including without limitation their scope, duration and geographic extent) are fair and reasonably necessary for the protection of the Bank's and Glacier's confidential information, goodwill and other protectable interests. If a court of competent jurisdiction should decline to enforce any of those covenants and agreements, Executive and the Bank request the court to reform these provisions to restrict Executive's use of confidential information and Executive's ability to compete with the Bank and Glacier to the maximum extent, in time, scope of activities, and geography, the court finds enforceable.
- b. Executive acknowledges the Bank and Glacier will suffer immediate and irreparable harm that will not be compensable by damages alone if Executive repudiates or breaches any of the provisions of Sections 10 or 11 or threatens or attempts to do so. For this reason, under these circumstances, the Bank, in addition to and without limitation of any other rights, remedies or damages available to it at law or in equity, will be entitled to obtain temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctions in order to prevent or restrain the breach, and the Bank will not be required to post a bond as a condition for the granting of this relief.
- 13. COVENANTS. Executive specifically acknowledges the receipt of adequate consideration for the covenants contained in Sections 10 and 11 and that the Bank is entitled to require him to comply with these Sections. These Sections will survive termination of this Agreement. Executive represents that if his employment is terminated, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, Executive has experience and capabilities sufficient to enable Executive to obtain employment in areas which do not violate this Agreement and that the Bank's enforcement of a remedy by way of injunction will not prevent Executive from earning a livelihood.

14. ARBITRATION.

- Arbitration. At either party's request, the parties must submit any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with, or relating to, this Agreement or any breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, to arbitration under the American Arbitration Association's rules then in effect (or under any other form of arbitration mutually acceptable to the parties). A single arbitrator agreed on by the parties will conduct the arbitration. If the parties cannot agree on a single arbitrator, each party must select one arbitrator and those two arbitrators will select a third arbitrator. This third arbitrator will hear the dispute. The arbitrator's decision is final (except as otherwise specifically provided by law) and binds the parties, and either party may request any court having jurisdiction to enter a judgment and to enforce the arbitrator's decision. The arbitrator will provide the parties with a written decision naming the substantially prevailing party in the action. This prevailing party is entitled to reimbursement from the other party for its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys'
- b. Governing Law. All proceedings will be held at a place designated by the arbitrator in Kootenai County, Idaho. The arbitrator, in rendering a decision as to any state law claims, will apply Idaho law
- c. Exception to Arbitration. Notwithstanding the above, if Executive violates Section 11 or 12, the Bank will have the right to initiate the court proceedings described in Section 13(b), in lieu of an arbitration proceeding under this Section 15.

15. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- a. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties concerning its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements, correspondence, representations, or understandings between the parties relating to its subject matter.
- b. Binding Effect. This Agreement will bind and inure to the benefit of the Bank's, Glacier's and Executive's heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.
- c. Litigation Expenses. If either party successfully seeks to enforce any provision of this Agreement or to collect any amount claimed to be due under it, this party will be entitled to reimbursement from the other party for any and all of its out-of-pocket expenses and costs including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the enforcement or collection.
- d. Waiver. Any waiver by a party of its rights under this Agreement must be written and signed by the party waiving its rights. A party's waiver of the other party's breach of any provision of this Agreement will not operate as a waiver of any other breach by the breaching party.

- e. Assignment. The services to be rendered by Executive under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Executive may not assign any of his rights or duties under this Agreement.
- f. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified only through a written instrument signed by both parties.
- g. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. The invalidity of any provision will not affect the validity of other provisions of this Agreement.
- h. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with Montana law, except to the extent that certain regulatory matters may be governed by federal law. The parties must bring any legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement in Kootenai County, Idaho.
- i. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which taken together will constitute one and the same document.

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Signed: September 9, 1999:

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK:

By /s/ John W. Hippler

John W. Hippler Its: President

EXECUTIVE:

/s/ Jon W. Hippler

Jon W. Hippler

Ratified: September 9, 1999

GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

By /s/ Michael J. Blodnick

Michael J. Blodnick Its: President and CEO

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), signed as of ______, 1999, between MOUNTAIN WEST BANK ("Bank") and ______ ("Executive") and ratified by GLACIER BANCORP, INC., takes effect on the effective date of the Merger ("Effective Date").

RECITALS

- A. Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("Glacier") has entered into a Plan and Agreement of Merger ("Merger Agreement") with the Bank, pursuant to which the Bank will merge with a newly-formed subsidiary of Glacier (the "Merger"). As a result of the Merger, the Bank will be a subsidiary of Glacier.
- B. Before the Merger, Executive has served as _____ of the Bank.
- C. Glacier and the Bank desire Executive to continue her employment at the Bank under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- D. Executive desires to continue her employment at the Bank under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- E. This Agreement supercedes any and all other employment or similar agreements that may currently be in effect for Executive.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the promises set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows.

- EMPLOYMENT. The Bank agrees to employ Executive, and Executive accepts employment by the Bank on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Executive's title will ______ of the Bank.
- EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM.
 - a. Term. The term of this Agreement ("Term") is three years, beginning on the Effective Date.
 - b. Abandonment or Termination of the Merger. This Agreement is void if the Merger Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms
- 3. DUTIES. The Bank will employ Executive as its ______. Executive will faithfully and diligently perform her assigned duties, which are summarized on Schedule

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1 to this Agreement. Executive will report directly to the Bank's President. The Bank's board of directors may, from time to time, modify Executive's title or add, delete, or modify Executive's performance responsibilities to accommodate management objectives of the Bank or of Glacier. Executive will assume any additional positions, duties, and responsibilities as may reasonably be requested of her with or without additional compensation, as appropriate and consistent with her duties as summarized on Schedule 1.

- 4. EXTENT OF SERVICES. Executive will devote all of her working time, attention and skill to the duties and responsibilities set forth in Section 3. To the extent that such activities do not interfere with her duties under Section 3, Executive may participate in other businesses as a passive investor, but (a) Executive may not actively participate in the operation or management of those businesses, and (b) Executive may not, without the Bank's prior written consent, make or maintain any investment in a business with which the Bank and/or Glacier has an existing competitive or commercial relationship.
- 6. INCENTIVE COMPENSATION. Each year during the Term, the Bank's board of directors will determine the amount of bonus to be paid by the Bank to Executive for that year. In making this determination, the Bank's board of directors will consider factors such as Executive's performance of her duties and the safety, soundness and profitability of the Bank. Executive's bonus will reflect Executive's contribution to the performance of the Bank during the year. This bonus will be paid to Executive no later than January 31 of the year following the year in which the bonus is earned by Executive.

7. VACATION AND BENEFITS.

- a. Vacation and Holidays. Executive will receive the greater of (a) four weeks of paid vacation each year or (b) the vacation benefits set forth in Glacier's schedule for senior employees with Executive's years of service with the Bank, in addition to all holidays observed by the Bank. Executive will not be able to carry over or accumulate vacation.
- b. Benefits. Executive will be entitled to participate in any group life insurance, disability, health and accident insurance plans, profit sharing and pension plans and in other employee fringe benefit programs the Bank or Glacier may have in effect from time to time for its similarly situated employees, in accordance with and subject to any policies adopted by the Bank's or Glacier's board of directors with respect to the plans or programs, including without limitation, any incentive or employee stock option plan, deferred compensation plan and 401(k) plan. Neither the Bank nor Glacier through this Agreement obligates itself to make any particular benefits available to its employees.

c. Business Expenses. The Bank will reimburse Executive for ordinary and necessary expenses which are consistent with past practice at the Bank (including, without limitation, travel, entertainment, and similar expenses) and which are incurred in performing and promoting the Bank's business. Executive will present from time to time itemized accounts of these expenses, subject to any limits of Bank policy or the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

8. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT.

- a. Termination By Bank for Cause. If the Bank terminates Executive's employment for Cause (defined below) before this Agreement terminates, the Bank will pay Executive the salary earned and expenses reimbursable under this Agreement incurred through the date of her termination. Executive will have no right to receive compensation or other benefits for any period after termination under this Section 8(a).
- b. Other Termination By Bank. If the Bank terminates Executive's employment without Cause before this Agreement terminates, or Executive terminates her employment for Good Reason (defined below), the Bank will pay Executive for the remainder of the Term the compensation and other benefits she would have been entitled to if her employment had not terminated.
- c. Death or Disability. This Agreement terminates (1) if Executive dies or (2) if Executive is unable to perform her duties and obligations under this Agreement for a period of 90 consecutive days as a result of a physical or mental disability arising at any time during the term of this Agreement, unless with reasonable accommodation Executive could continue to perform her duties under this Agreement and making these accommodations would not pose an undue hardship on the Bank. If termination occurs under this Section 8(c), Executive or her estate will be entitled to receive all compensation and benefits earned and expenses reimbursable through the date Executive's employment terminated.
- d. Return of Bank Property. If and when Executive ceases, for any reason, to be employed by the Bank, Executive must return to the Bank all keys, pass cards, identification cards and any other property of the Bank or Glacier. At the same time, Executive also must return to the Bank all originals and copies (whether in hard copy, electronic or other form) of any documents, drawings, notes, memoranda, designs, devices, diskettes, tapes, manuals, and specifications which constitute proprietary information or material of the Bank or Glacier. The obligations in this paragraph include the return of documents and other materials which may be in her desk at work, in her car, in place of residence, or in any other location under her control.
- e. Cause. "Cause" means any one or more of the following:

- (1) Willful misfeasance or gross negligence in the performance of Executive's duties:
- (2) Conviction of a crime in connection with her duties;
- (3) Conduct demonstrably and significantly harmful to the Bank, as reasonably determined on the advice of legal counsel by the Bank's board of directors; or
- (4) Permanent disability, meaning a physical or mental impairment which renders Executive incapable of substantially performing the duties required under this Agreement, and which is expected to continue rendering Executive so incapable for the reasonably foreseeable future.
- f. Good Reason. "Good Reason" means only any one or more of the following:
 - (1) Reduction of Executive's salary or reduction or elimination of any compensation or benefit plan benefiting Executive, unless the reduction or elimination is generally applicable to substantially all Bank employees (or employees of a successor or controlling entity of the Bank) formerly benefited;
 - (2) The assignment to Executive without her consent of any authority or duties materially inconsistent with Executive's position as of the date of this Agreement;
 - (3) The material breach of this Agreement by Glacier; or
 - (4) A relocation or transfer of Executive's principal place of employment that would require Executive to commute on a regular basis more than 20 miles each way from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, with the exception of travel to and from Boise, Idaho.
- CONFIDENTIALITY. Executive will not, after the date this Agreement was signed, including during and after its Term, use for her own purposes or 9. disclose to any other person or entity any confidential business information concerning the Bank or Glacier or their business operations, unless (1) the Bank or Glacier consents to the use or disclosure of their respective confidential information; (2) the use or disclosure is consistent with Executive's duties under this Agreement or (3) disclosure is required by law or court order. For purposes of this Agreement, confidential business information includes, without limitation, trade secrets (as defined under the Montana Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Montana Code Section 30-14-402), various confidential information concerning all aspects of current and future operations, nonpublic information on investment management practices, marketing plans, pricing structure and technology of either the Bank or Glacier. Executive will also treat the terms of this Agreement as confidential business information.

- 10. NONCOMPETITION. During the Term and the terms of any extensions or renewals of this Agreement and for a period equal to the lessor of (a) two years after Executive's employment with the Bank and/or Glacier has terminated or (b) three years from the Closing of the Merger, Executive will not, directly or indirectly, as a shareholder, director, officer, employee, partner, agent, consultant, lessor, creditor or otherwise:
 - a. provide management, supervisory or other similar services to any person or entity engaged in any business in Kootenai, Ada or Canyon County, Idaho (or any other counties in which the Bank or Glacier may have a presence) which is competitive with the business of the Bank or Glacier as conducted during the term of this Agreement or as conducted as of the date of termination of employment, including any preliminary steps associated with the formation of a new bank;
 - b. persuade or entice, or attempt to persuade or entice, any employee of the Bank or Glacier to terminate her/her employment with the Bank or Glacier; or
 - c. persuade or entice or attempt to persuade or entice, any person or entity to terminate, cancel, rescind or revoke its business or contractual relationships with the Bank or Glacier.

11. ENFORCEMENT.

- a. The Bank and Executive stipulate that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances of the relationship between Executive and the Bank, the agreements referred to in Sections 9 and 10 (including without limitation their scope, duration and geographic extent) are fair and reasonably necessary for the protection of the Bank's and Glacier's confidential information, goodwill and other protectable interests. If a court of competent jurisdiction should decline to enforce any of those covenants and agreements, Executive and the Bank request the court to reform these provisions to restrict Executive's use of confidential information and Executive's ability to compete with the Bank and Glacier to the maximum extent, in time, scope of activities, and geography, the court finds enforceable.
- b. Executive acknowledges the Bank and Glacier will suffer immediate and irreparable harm that will not be compensable by damages alone if Executive repudiates or breaches any of the provisions of Sections 9 or 10 or threatens or attempts to do so. For this reason, under these circumstances, the Bank, in addition to and without limitation of any other rights, remedies or damages available to it at law or in equity, will be entitled to obtain temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctions in order to prevent or restrain the breach, and the Bank will not be required to post a bond as a condition for the granting of this relief.
- 12. COVENANTS. Executive specifically acknowledges the receipt of adequate consideration for the covenants contained in Sections 9 and 10 and that the Bank is entitled to require her to comply with these Sections. These Sections will survive termination of this Agreement. Executive represents that if her employment is terminated, whether

voluntarily or involuntarily, Executive has experience and capabilities sufficient to enable Executive to obtain employment in areas which do not violate this Agreement and that the Bank's enforcement of a remedy by way of injunction will not prevent Executive from earning a livelihood

13. ARBITRATION.

- Arbitration. At either party's request, the parties must submit any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with, or relating to, this Agreement or any breach or alleged breach of this Agreement, to arbitration under the American Arbitration Association's rules then in effect (or under any other form of arbitration mutually acceptable to the parties). A single arbitrator agreed on by the parties will conduct the arbitration. If the parties cannot agree on a single arbitrator, each party must select one arbitrator and those two arbitrators will select a third arbitrator. This third arbitrator will hear the dispute. The arbitrator's decision is final (except as otherwise specifically provided by law) and binds the parties, and either party may request any court having jurisdiction to enter a judgment and to enforce the arbitrator's decision. The arbitrator will provide the parties with a written decision naming the substantially prevailing party in the action. This prevailing party is entitled to reimbursement from the other party for its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- b. Governing Law. All proceedings will be held at a place designated by the arbitrator in Kootenai County, Idaho. The arbitrator, in rendering a decision as to any state law claims, will apply Idaho law.
- c. Exception to Arbitration. Notwithstanding the above, if Executive violates Section 9 or 10, the Bank will have the right to initiate the court proceedings described in Section 11(b), in lieu of an arbitration proceeding under this Section 13.

14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- a. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties concerning its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements, correspondence, representations, or understandings between the parties relating to its subject matter.
- b. Binding Effect. This Agreement will bind and inure to the benefit of the Bank's, Glacier's and Executive's heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns.
- c. Litigation Expenses. If either party successfully seeks to enforce any provision of this Agreement or to collect any amount claimed to be due under it, this party will be entitled to reimbursement from the other party for any and all of its out-of-pocket expenses and costs including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the enforcement or collection.

- d. Waiver. Any waiver by a party of its rights under this Agreement must be written and signed by the party waiving its rights. A party's waiver of the other party's breach of any provision of this Agreement will not operate as a waiver of any other breach by the breaching party.
- e. Assignment. The services to be rendered by Executive under this Agreement are unique and personal. Accordingly, Executive may not assign any of her rights or duties under this Agreement.
- f. Amendment. This Agreement may be modified only through a written instrument signed by both parties.
- g. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. The invalidity of any provision will not affect the validity of other provisions of this Agreement.
- h. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with Idaho law, except to the extent that certain regulatory matters may be governed by federal law. The parties must bring any legal proceeding arising out of this Agreement in Kootenai County, Idaho.
- i. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which taken together will constitute one and the same document.

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Signed:	, 1999:	
		MOUNTAIN WEST BANK:
		By /s/ Jon W. Hippler
		Jon W. Hippler Its: President and CEO
		EXECUTIVE:
Ratified:	, 1999	
		GLACIER BANCORP, INC.
		By /s/ Michael J. Blodnick
		Michael J. Blodnick Its: President and CEO

DIRECTOR NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT (Mountain West Bank)

This Director Noncompetition Agreement ("Director Agreement"), dated as of September 9, 1999, is between MOUNTAIN WEST BANK ("Mountain West"), and the undersigned, who are Directors ("Directors") of Mountain West.

RECTUALS

- A. Mountain West has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") with Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("Glacier") and New Mountain West Bank, dated as of June 9, 1999, under which all the outstanding shares of Mountain West common stock will be exchanged for common stock shares of Glacier.
- B. The obligation of Mountain West and Glacier to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Agreement are conditioned on their receipt of noncompetition agreements from all directors of Mountain West.
- C. Mountain West, Glacier, and the Directors believe that the future success and profitability of the combined bank following the Merger (the "Combined Bank") require that existing directors of Mountain West be available to continue to serve as directors of the Combined Bank and not be affiliated in any substantial way with a Competing Business for a reasonable period of time after Closing.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of Glacier's and Mountain West's performance under the Agreement, the Directors agree as follows:

- DEFINITIONS. Capitalized terms not defined in this Director Noncompetition Agreement ("Director Agreement"), have the meaning assigned to those terms in the Agreement. The following definitions also apply to this Director Agreement:
 - a. Competing Business. "Competing Business" means any financial institution or trust company that competes or will compete within the Covered Area with Mountain West, Glacier or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates. The term "Competing Business" includes, without limitation, any start-up or other financial institution or trust company in formation.
 - b. Covered Area. Kootenai, Ada and Canyon Counties in Idaho.
 - c. Term. The Term of this Director Agreement begins at Closing and will end on the later of: (1) three years after Closing, or (2) one year after the Director

ceases to be a director of Mountain West if Director resigns or refuses to stand for reelection. Provided, however, if at any time during the three years following Closing, a Director is removed without Good Cause or is not reelected as a director of Mountain West, the Term of this Director Agreement will continue for only one year after such Director ceases to be a director of Mountain West.

- d. Good Cause. "Good Cause" means any one or more of the following:
 - (1) Willful misfeasance or gross negligence in the performance of the Director's duties;
 - (2) Conviction of a crime in connection with his or her duties;
 - (3) Conduct demonstrably and significantly harmful to Mountain West, as reasonably determined on the advice of legal counsel by Mountain West's board of directors; or
 - (4) Permanent disability, meaning a physical or mental impairment which renders the Director incapable of substantially performing the duties required under this Agreement, and which is expected to continue rendering the Director so incapable for the reasonably foreseeable future.
- 2. AVAILABILITY. The Directors will be available to serve, at the Combined Bank's request, as a director of the Combined Bank and/or its subsidiary banks for a period of at least one year after Closing.
- 3. PARTICIPATION IN COMPETING BUSINESS. Except as provided in Section 6, during the Term of this Director Agreement, the Directors will not become involved, directly or indirectly, as a stockholder, member, partner, director, officer, manager, investor, organizer, "founder", consultant, agent, or representative of a Competing Business.
- 4. NO SOLICITATION. During the Term of this Director Agreement, the Directors will not directly or indirectly solicit or attempt to solicit (1) any employees of the Combined Bank or any of its Subsidiaries to leave their employment or participate in any manner in a Competing Business, or (2) any customers of the Combined Bank or any of its Subsidiaries, to remove their business from the Combined Bank or any of its Subsidiaries, or to participate in any manner in a Competing Business. Solicitation prohibited under this section includes solicitation by any means, including, without limitation, meetings, letters or other mailings, electronic communications of any kind, and internet communications.

- 5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. During and after the Term of this Director Agreement, the Directors will not disclose any confidential information of the Combined Bank, Glacier or any of their Subsidiaries obtained by the Directors while serving as a director of the Combined Bank or any of its Subsidiaries.
- 6. EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE COVERED AREA. Nothing in this Director Agreement prevents the Directors from (a) continuing to work in the same general kind of business in which such Director was employed at the time this Director Agreement was executed; or (b) accepting employment outside the Covered Area from a Competing Business, if, during the Term, the Directors: (i) will not act as an employee or other representative or agent of the Competing Business within the Covered Area and (ii) will have no responsibilities for the Competing Business' operations within the Covered Area.
- 7. PASSIVE INTEREST. Nothing in this Director Agreement prevents the Directors from owning 2% or less of any class of security of a Competing Business.
- 8. REMEDIES. Any breach of this Director Agreement by the Directors entitles Mountain West and Glacier, together with their successors and assigns, to injunctive relief and/or specific performance, as well as to any other legal or equitable remedies they may be entitled to.
- 9. EARLY TERMINATION. This Director Agreement will terminate if Glacier is in material breach of Section 1.3 of the Agreement.
- 10. GOVERNING LAW AND ENFORCEABILITY. This Director Agreement is governed by Idaho State law. If any court determines that the restrictions set forth in this Director Agreement are unenforceable, the maximum restrictions, term, scope or geographical area that is enforceable will be substituted in place of the unenforceable provisions.
- 11. COUNTERPARTS. The parties may execute this Agreement in one or more counterparts. All the counterparts will be construed together and will constitute one Agreement.

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SIGNED as of September 9, 1999:

DIRECTORS:

 /s/ Charles Nipp
 /s/ Bradley Dugdale

 /s/ Stephen F. Meyer
 /s/ Jon W. Hippler

 /s/ Jim English
 /s/ Doug Parker

 /s/ Dave Chapman
 /s/ Marilyn Montgomery

 /s/ Kim Jacklin
 /s/ Tom Thilo

MOUNTAIN WEST BANK

By: /s/ Jon W. Hippler

Jon W. Hippler President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 21.1

LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES
OF
GLACIER BANCORP, INC.

Glacier Bank
Big Sky Western Bank
Glacier Bank of Eureka
Glacier Bank of Whitefish
First Security Bank
Valley Bank of Helena
Community First Inc.

EXHIBIT 23.3

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

The Board of Directors Glacier Bancorp, Inc.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement filed on Form S-4 of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. of our report dated January 29, 1999, with respect to the consolidated statements of financial condition of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the registration statement/prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Billings, Montana November 6, 1999

EXHIBIT 23.4

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. of our report dated May 19, 1999 relating to the financial statements of Mountain West Bank for the years ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, which appear in such Registration Statement. We also consent to the references to us under the headings "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP

Spokane, Washington November 5, 1999

Dated:

PROXY

To approve the Plan and Agreement of Merger between Glacier Bancorp, Inc. and Mountain West Bank dated as of September 9, 1999, pursuant to which Mountain West Bank will merger with a newly-formed subsidiary of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. Following the merger, Mountain West Bank will be owned by Glacier Bancorp, Inc.

Please mark only one of the following options:

[] For [] Against

 In his discretion, on such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

This Proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. If no direction is made, this Proxy will be voted for proposal No. 1.

The undersigned may revoke this Proxy before its exercise at the special meeting by (i) giving written notice of such revocation to Kim Jacklin, Secretary, Mountain West Bank, at 125 Ironwood Dr., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-1059, or (ii) by oral or written request of the undersigned at the special meeting. Please note that attendance at the special meeting by a stockholder who has executed or has delivered a valid proxy will not itself revoke that proxy.

Please sign exactly as your name appears below. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. Anyone signing as corporate officer, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or in another representative capacity should indicate office or capacity.

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Please mark, sign, date and return this Proxy promptly using the enclosed envelope.

EXHIBIT 99.3

RULE 438 CONSENT

In accordance with Rule 438 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned hereby consents to being named as a prospective director of Glacier Bancorp, Inc. ("Glacier") in the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by Glacier with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 1999.

/s/ Jon W. Hippler

Jon W. Hippler

November 3, 1999