

SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

September 15, 2008

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

September 12, 2008

SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Missouri
(State or other
jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-23406
(Commission File No.)

43-1665523
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

531 Vine Street, Poplar
Bluff, Missouri
(Address of principal
executive offices)

63901
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (573) 778-1800

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(17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1 3e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.1 3e-4(c))

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), currently holds 12,000 shares of non-cumulative preferred stock issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”). The stock was purchased in December, 2007, at an average cost of \$25.39, has a par value of \$25.00, and was issued with a coupon fixed at 8.375% through the first call date of December 31, 2012 (NYSE: FRE.prZ). After trading in a range from \$2.02 to \$2.32 during the day on September 11, 2008, the preferred stock closed at \$2.09. The decline in market value is due to the placement of Freddie Mac into conservatorship by the United States Treasury, and the coinciding announcement that the dividend on the preferred stock shares owned by the Company has been indefinitely suspended.

The Company has determined that, as a result of these events, its investment in the Freddie Mac preferred stock is other-than-temporarily impaired. The company will record a charge for the impairment during the quarter ended September 30, 2008, its first quarter of fiscal year 2009. The estimated pre-tax impairment charge is approximately \$300,000. Despite the impairment, the Company and its banking subsidiary will maintain regulatory capital ratios that are above requirements to maintain “well-capitalized” status.

SIGNATURES

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

SOUTHERN MISSOURI BANCORP, INC.

Date: September 15, 2008

By: /s/ Greg A. Steffens
Greg A. Steffens
President