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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting WAGNER HARVEY A	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
		CREE INC [CREE]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
		(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE		09/01/2005	Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
DUDIIAM NG 27702		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting		
DURHAM, NC 27703			Person		
(0)	(57:				

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed	l (A) o		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3, Amount	(A) or (D)	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/01/2005		A(1)	5,000	A	\$0	5,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of Sha
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.47	09/01/2005		A	5,000	12/31/2005(2)	09/01/2012	Common Stock	5,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WAGNER HARVEY A C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X						

Signatures

Harvey A.

(2)

Wagner 09/05/2005

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Shares of restricted stock awarded under the Cree, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan. Shares awarded will vest on September 1, 2006 provided the recipient continues service until that date as a member of the Board of Directors of Cree, Inc. or as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.

The grant is subject to the condition that the shareholders approve certain amendments to the Cree, Inc. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan at the next annual meeting of shareholders to be held on November 3, 2005. The option will terminate if the amendments are not approved. The Option vests and becomes exercisable as to one-fourth of the shares on each of December 31, 2005, March 31, 2006, June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006 or, if earlier, upon the election of directors at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, provided the recipient continues service until said dates as a member of the Board of Directors of Cree, Inc. or as an employee of Cree, Inc. or a related "Employer" as defined in the Plan.

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