

VON ARX DOLPH W

Form 4

December 03, 2010

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

VON ARX DOLPH W

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CREE INC [CREE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3663 RUM ROW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/02/2010

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

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Person

NAPLES, FL 34102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 09/28/2010                              |                                                             | G                                       | V 960 D \$ 0                                                        | 503,675                                                                                                            | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 10/18/2010                              |                                                             | G                                       | V 2,000 D \$ 0                                                      | 501,675                                                                                                            | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 12/01/2010                              |                                                             | G                                       | V 2,500 D \$ 0                                                      | 499,175                                                                                                            | D                                                                       |                                                                   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 12/02/2010                              |                                                             | S                                       | 7,000 D \$ 67.83<br>(1)                                             | 492,175                                                                                                            | D (2)                                                                   |                                                                   |

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)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 10) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VON ARX DOLPH W<br>3663 RUM ROW<br>NAPLES, FL 34102 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, as agent for Dolph W.  
von Arx

12/03/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$67.80 to \$67.87, inclusive. Mr. von Arx undertakes to provide to Cree, Inc., any security holder of Cree, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(2) Of the 492,175 shares reported, (1) 63,500 shares are held directly; (2) 398,675 shares are held indirectly in a revocable living trust for the benefit of Mr. von Arx; (3) 15,000 shares are held indirectly in a revocable living trust for the benefit of Mr. von Arx's spouse; and (4) 15,000 shares are held indirectly in a family trust. Mr. von Arx disclaims beneficial ownership of the 15,000 shares held by the family trust.

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