

CREE INC

Form 4

September 06, 2016

**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 \*  
**SWOBODA CHARLES M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON  
DRIVE**

(Street)

**DURHAM, NC 27703**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**CREE INC [CREE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**09/01/2016**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
**CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) 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                       | 09/01/2016                              |   | A <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 110,920 A \$ 0  | 550,915 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D   |   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 09/01/2016                              |   | A <sup>(3)</sup>                     | 25,589 A \$ 0   | 576,504  | D   |   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 09/01/2016                              |   | F <sup>(4)</sup>                     | 40,634 D \$ 0   | 535,870  | 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)

| 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. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | 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 |
| SWOBODA CHARLES M<br>C/O CREE, INC.<br>4600 SILICON DRIVE<br>DURHAM, NC 27703 | X CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO    |

## Signatures

/S/ Charles M.  
Swoboda 09/06/2016

\_\_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) Award of restricted stock units vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2017.

(2) Includes 993 shares purchased by Mr. Swoboda on April 30, 2016 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) Vesting of first tranche of Performance Restricted Stock Unit granted on September 1, 2015. Performance threshold achievement certified by Cree Compensation Committee on August 23, 2016.

(4) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to stock awards vesting September 1, 2016.

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