

Starzer Michael R  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Starzer Michael R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC., 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/28/2013

(Street)  
 DENVER, CO 80202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/28/2013		A	24,910	A \$ 0 391,957 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

Common Stock 1,602,753 <sup>(2)</sup> I By Bonanza Creek Oil Company, LLC

Common Stock 98,067 I By the Starzer Revocable Trust

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance Shares	(3)	03/28/2013		A	8,303	(3) 12/31/2015	Common Stock 8,303

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Starzer Michael R C/O BONANZA CREEK ENERGY, INC. 410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1400 DENVER, CO 80202	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Christopher I. Humber as  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 03/29/2013

\*\*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) Includes (i) 290,923 shares of common stock and (ii) 101,034 shares of restricted common stock subject to vesting.
- (2) 1,602,753 shares of common stock held by Bonanza Creek Oil Company, LLC ("BCOC"), for which Mr. Starzer serves as a co-manager. Mr. Starzer disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of the BCOC in which he does not have a pecuniary interest.

Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive 0-200% of that number of shares of common stock. The amount listed (3) represents what the Reporting Person would receive at the target or 100% level. The performance shares vest upon continued employment and achievement of certain predetermined performance goals.

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