

CREE INC

Form 4

October 28, 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 \*  
**TILLMAN ROBERT L**

(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)  
**10/26/2010**

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)

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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
COMMON STOCK	10/26/2010		A <sup>(1)</sup>		3,750	A	\$ 0 3,750
COMMON STOCK	10/26/2010		A <sup>(2)</sup>		165	A	\$ 51.4 3,915

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 51.27	10/26/2010		A	3,750	03/31/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/26/2017	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, as agent for Robert L. Tillman  
 10/28/2010  
 \*\*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) Restricted stock award vesting September 1, 2011.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock credited to Mr. Tillman's 2010 deferral account under the Cree, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Compensation and Deferral Program, issuable following Mr. Tillman's Separation from Service with Cree.
- (3) Option vests as to 1,250 shares on each of March 31, 2011, June 30, 2011 and September 30, 2011 or, if earlier, upon the election of directors at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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