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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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Nye C Howard			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CREE INC [CREE]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O CREE, DRIVE	(First) INC., 4600 S	(Mide	(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2017			-	_X_ Director Officer (give to selow)	10%	Owner er (specify	
DURHAM,	(Street) NC 27703		4. If Amend Filed(Month		e Original		<i>1</i> - -	5. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	one Reporting Pe	rson	
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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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Nye C Howard							
C/O CREE, INC.	X						
4600 SILICON DRIVE	Λ						
DURHAM, NC 27703							

Signatures

Bradley D. Kohn as agent for C. HOWARD NYE 01/26/2017

**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) Represents shares of Common Stock credited to the Reporting Person's 2017 deferral account under the Cree, Inc. Stock Compensation and Deferral Program, issuable following the Reporting Person's Separation of Service from Cree.

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