

CREE INC  
Form 4  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  |                                      |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                                   |   |   |            | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |  |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|------------|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Hunter, F. Neal</b>  |                                      |  | <b>CREE, INC. ("CREE")</b>  |   |   |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —                          |  |  |   |
| (Last)  | (First)                              | (Middle)   | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) |   | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year                                 |            | 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/>                                      |  |  |   |
|   |                                      |  |   |   | <b>11/14/02</b>   |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —        |  |  |   |
| 3515 Courtland Road   |                                      |  |   |   |   |            | Other (specify below)   |  |  |   |
| (Street)  |                                      |  |   |   |   |            | <b>Chairman</b>   |  |  |   |
| Durham, NC 27707  |                                      |  |   |   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)              |            | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)             |  |  |   |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |                                      |  |   |   |   |            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  |  |  |   |
|   |                                      |  |   |   |   |            | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |  |   |
| <b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b> |                                      |  |   |   |   |            |   |  |  |   |
| 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 & 5) |            |   | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 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  | 11/14/02                             | 11/14/02   | S   |   | 50,000  | D          | \$20.05   |  |  |   |
| COMMON STOCK  | 11/15/02                             | 11/15/02   | S   |   | 100,000   | D          | \$20.087  | 312,050 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  | Day/<br>Year) | Day/<br>Year) | 8) | (A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) |        | Date<br>Exer-cisable | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Security:<br>Direct<br>(D)<br>or<br>Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|---------------|---------------|----|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|---|
|  |               |               |    | (Instr.<br>3, 4 &<br>5)      | Code V |                      |                         |       |  |  |   |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 747 shares purchased in the Cree, Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on October 31, 2002.

By: /s/ **Tamara Cappelson** 11/18/02  
**Tamara Cappelson, Attorney-In-Fact** Date  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the person whose signature appears below, hereby appoint Adam H. Broome, Secretary of Cree, Inc. and Tamara Cappelson, Stock Plan Administrator of the Company, and each of them individually, as my attorney-in-fact and authority:

- \* to execute and file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on my behalf, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership, Annual Statements of Changes in Beneficial Ownership on Form 5, and any amendments of Forms 4 and 5 on my behalf, with respect to my service as a director and/or officer of the Company and my holdings of securities of which I may be deemed the beneficial owner;
- \* to do and perform on my behalf any and all other acts necessary or desirable to complete, execute and file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and, if necessary, to obtain similar authority, including but not limited to the power to designate any person then serving as attorney-in-fact of the Company to be an additional or substitute attorney-in-fact under this Power of Attorney with respect to the Company, as if such person were named herein, and to take any other action in connection with the foregoing that such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of or legally required by me, it be executed by such attorney-in-fact on my behalf pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in full force and effect, and its terms and conditions as the attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The authority granted under this Power of Attorney shall continue in effect for each attorney-in-fact named herein.

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required to file Forms 4 and 5 with respect to my holdings of and transactions in Company securities in the writing signed by me and delivered to such attorney-in-fact. I acknowledge that neither the attorney-in-fact nor I am assuming any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Power of Attorney on the date shown below.

/s/ F. Neal Hunter

Signature

F. Neal Hunter

Typed or Printed Name

October 4, 2002

Date Signed