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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Grove Gary A		(Month/Day/Year)	Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc. [BCEI]	
(Last)	(First)	12/14/2011		
410 17TH STREET, SUITE 1500			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DENVER, CO 80202			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Exec VP Engineering & Planning	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	135,953	D	^
Class A Common Stock	197,867	I <sup>(1)</sup>	Footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Class B Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	2,000	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grove Gary A 410 17TH STREET SUITE 1500 DENVER, CO 80202	X		Exec VP Engineering & Planning	

## Signatures

Chris Humber as Attorney-in-Fact 12/14/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 197,867 Shares held by Bonanza Creek Employee Holdings, LLC ("BCEH"), over which Messrs. Grove and Michael R. Starzer exercise joint voting and dispositive control.
- Shares of Class B common stock have been issued in the form of restricted stock subject the following vesting schedule: 1/3 per year for three years following the initial public offering of the Issuer's common stock. Pursuant to the amended and restated certificate of incorporation of the Issuer, immediately prior to the closing of an initial public offering of the Issuer's common stock, all shares of Class B common stock automatically will convert into shares of Class A common stock, at which time each share of Class A common stock will be reclassified as one share of common stock of the Issuer. Shares of common stock previously held as Class B Common Stock will remain subject to vesting.

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