LOONEY JOEL W Form 4

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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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and LOONEY	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOULDER TOTAL RETURN FUND INC [BTF]				Is	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2010			_	_X Director Officer (give ti elow)	itle 10% Owner Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				A 	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any (Month/D	Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Transactiom Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or				Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/28/2010			Code V	Amount 0.9589 (1)	(D) D	Price \$ 13.2339	(Instr. 3 and 4) 4,792.1506	D		
Common Stock	01/28/2010			S	0.1506 (1)	D	\$ 13.2138	4,792	D		

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/		Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LOONEY JOEL W							
	X						

### **Signatures**

Joel W. Looney 02/03/2010

\*\*Signature of 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) Fractional shares sold by Broker.

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