

HOREJSI STEWART R

Form 4

December 18, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ERNEST HOREJSI TRUST NO 1B

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
BOULDER TOTAL RETURN  
FUND INC [BTF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3601 C STREET, STE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

ANCHORAGE, AK 99503

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |                                           |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/17/2008                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                            | 2,000                                                                                                              | D                                                                    | \$<br>9.63                                                        | 3,174,303 D <sup>(1)</sup>                |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/17/2008                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                            | 1,800                                                                                                              | D                                                                    | \$<br>9.71                                                        | 3,172,503 D <sup>(1)</sup>                |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/17/2008                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                            | 1,000                                                                                                              | D                                                                    | \$<br>9.68                                                        | 3,171,503 D <sup>(1)</sup>                |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/17/2008                              |                                                             | S                                       |                                                                            | 285                                                                                                                | D                                                                    | \$<br>9.67                                                        | 3,171,218 <sup>(2)</sup> D <sup>(1)</sup> |

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

## Reporting Owners

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## 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) The trustees of the Ernest Horejsi Trust No. 1B (the "Ernest Trust") are Alaska Trust Company ("Alaska Trust"), Susan L. Ciciora and Larry Dunlap. Such trustees may be deemed to control the Ernest Trust and may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares held by the Ernest Trust. However, none of the trustees, acting alone, can vote or exercise dispositive authority over Shares held by the Ernest Trust. Accordingly, Alaska Trust, Ms. Ciciora and Mr. Dunlap disclaim beneficial ownership of the Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by the Ernest Trust. In addition to serving as a trustee, Ms. Ciciora is also a beneficiary of the Ernest Trust. As a result of his advisory role with the Brown Trust, Stewart R. Horejsi may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially owned by the Brown Trust. However, Mr. Horejsi disclaims such beneficial ownership of the Shares directly beneficially held by the Ernest Trust.

(2) Trusts affiliated with the Ernest Trust, including the Lola Brown Trust No. 1B, the John S. Horejsi Trust, the Susan L. Ciciora Trust, the Evergreen Trust, the Stewart West Indies Trust, and Evergreen Atlantic LLC, own an aggregate of 5,141,862 Shares of the Fund following these transactions.

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