

Emery John
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Emery John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. [WOLF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 122 WEST WASHINGTON AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO

(Street)
 MADISON, WI 53703

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 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 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2004 | | C/K ⁽¹⁾ | | 483,077 | A | Ⓛ |
| | | | | | 483,077 | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title a Underly (Instr. 3) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| LLC Interests | \$ 1 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/20/2004 | | C/K ⁽¹⁾ | | 483,077 | | 12/20/2004 | 12/20/2004 | Comm Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 17 | 12/20/2004 | | A | | 350,000 | | 12/20/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 12/20/2014 | Comm Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Emery John 122 WEST WASHINGTON AVENUE MADISON, WI 53703 | X | | CEO | |

Signatures

John Emery 12/20/2004
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- LLC interests in LLC's that held real estate were exchanged for Issuer common stock at the closing of the initial public offering which
- (1) occurred on December 20, 2004. The number of shares allocated in exchange for the LLC Interests were based upon a formula set forth in the Issuer's Prospectus dated December 14, 2004. The initial public offering price was \$17 per share.
 - (2) Option vest as one-third of the shares of common stock for which the options are exercisable, annually, beginning on 12/20/2005.

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