

VAIL RESORTS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GARNSEY JOHN MCD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VAIL RESORTS, INC., 390  
 INTERLOCKEN CRESCENT, STE.  
 1000

(Street)

BROOMFIELD, CO 80021

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VAIL RESORTS INC [MTN]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/23/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP & COO Beaver Creek**

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

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |                                   |

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)**

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Underlying |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)          | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) |     |                           | (Instr. 3 and 4)          |                 |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
|                                 |   |                         | Code               | V  | (A)              | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date           | Title           |
| Restricted<br>Share Unit        | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                               | 09/23/2008              | A                  |  | 1,964            |     | 09/23/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> | 09/23/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> | Common<br>Stock |
| Share<br>Appreciation<br>Rights | \$ 40.09<br><sup>(3)</sup>                        | 09/23/2008              | A                  |  | 18,902           |     | 09/23/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> | 09/23/2018                | Common<br>Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| GARNSEY JOHN MCD<br>C/O VAIL RESORTS, INC.<br>390 INTERLOCKEN CRESCENT, STE. 1000<br>BROOMFIELD, CO 80021 |               |           | EVP &<br>COO<br>Beaver<br>Creek |       |

## Signatures

Fiona E. Arnold, by Power of Attorney 09/25/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting 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) Each Restricted Share Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- (2) On September 23, 2008, Reporting Person was granted 1,964 Restricted Share Units which vest in three equal installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.  
  
Each Share Appreciation Right (each, an "SAR") represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting, an amount of shares of Issuer's common stock equal to the positive difference (if any) between the fair market value of Issuer's common stock on the exercise date and the SAR exercise price, divided by the fair market value of Issuer's common stock on the exercise date.
- (3) common stock equal to the positive difference (if any) between the fair market value of Issuer's common stock on the exercise date and the SAR exercise price, divided by the fair market value of Issuer's common stock on the exercise date.
- (4) On September 23, 2008, Reporting Person was granted 18,902 SAR's which vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date and expire 10 years from the grant date

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