

BAUMGARDNER JAMES R
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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 *
BAUMGARDNER JAMES R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
US ECOLOGY, INC. [ECOL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 E. MALLARD DR., SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2012

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

BOISE, ID 83706

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	02/21/2012		A		5,100	A	\$ 0 (1)
					52,537	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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option	\$ 19.71	02/21/2012		A		24,800		03/21/2012	02/21/2022	Common Stock	24,800
Common Stock Option	\$ 15.36							04/08/2010	03/08/2020	Common Stock	25,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 16.18							04/10/2011	03/10/2021	Common Stock	24,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAUMGARDNER JAMES R 300 E. MALLARD DR., SUITE 300 BOISE, ID 83706	X		President, CEO, COO	

Signatures

/s/ James R. Baumgardner
 02/23/2012
 **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) Issued pursuant to 2006 Restricted Stock Plan, vesting monthly over 12 month period.
- (2) Issued pursuant to 2008 Stock Option Incentive Plan, vesting monthly over 3 year period.

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