

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.

Form SC 13G

February 14, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common stock, \$.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

097793400

(CUSIP Number)

December 29, 2017

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see Instructions).

CUSIP No.: 097793400

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
AQR Capital Management, LLC  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE  
PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A  
MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware, USA

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH	1,041,970	
REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON WITH		
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	1,041,970	

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,041,970

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.09%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE  
PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A  
MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware, USA

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH	1,041,970	
REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON WITH		
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	1,041,970	

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,041,970

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.09%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
HC

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
CNH Partners, LLC  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE  
PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A  
MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION  
Delaware, USA

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH	1,039,358	
REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON WITH		
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	1,039,358	

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,039,358

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY  
AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.08%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
IA

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**ITEM**     **NAME OF ISSUER:**  
**1(a).**       Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.

**ITEM**     **ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:**  
**1(b).**       410 17th Street, Suite 1400  
              Denver, Colorado

**ITEM**     **NAME OF PERSON FILING:**  
**2(a).**       (1) AQR Capital Management, LLC  
              (2) AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC  
              (3) CNH Partners, LLC

AQR Capital Management, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC. CNH Partners, LLC is deemed to be controlled by AQR Capital Management, LLC.

**ITEM**     **ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:**  
**2(b).**       (1) TWO GREENWICH PLAZA  
              GREENWICH, CT 06830  
  
              (2) TWO GREENWICH PLAZA  
              GREENWICH, CT 06830  
  
              (3) TWO GREENWICH PLAZA  
              GREENWICH, CT 06830

**ITEM**     **CITIZENSHIP:**  
**2(c).**       (1) Delaware, USA  
              (2) Delaware, USA  
              (3) Delaware, USA

**ITEM**     **TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:**  
**2(d).**       Common stock, \$.01 par value

**ITEM**     **CUSIP NUMBER:**  
**2(e).**       097793400

**ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c) CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:**

- (a)     Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (b)     Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)     Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)     Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8);
- (e)     An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);

- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);  
[ ]
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);  
[X]
- (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);  
[ ]
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);  
[ ]
- (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);  
[ ]
- (k) Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:  
[ ]

**ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP**

**(a) Amount beneficially owned:**

1,041,970

**(b) Percent of class:**

5.09%

**(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:**

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

AQR Capital Management, LLC - 1,041,970  
AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC - 1,041,970  
CNH Partners, LLC - 1,039,358

(iii) sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

AQR Capital Management, LLC - 1,041,970  
AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC - 1,041,970  
CNH Partners, LLC - 1,039,358

**ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

**ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:**

This Item [6] is not applicable.

**ITEM 7.**

**IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:**

See Item 2(a) above.

**ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:**

This Item [8] is not applicable.

**ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:**

This Item [9] is not applicable.

**ITEM CERTIFICATION:**

**10.** By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14 2018 AQR Capital Management, LLC

By:

/s/ Henry Parkin

Name:

Henry Parkin

Title:

Authorized Signatory

February 14 2018 AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC

By:

/s/Henry Parkin

Name:

Henry Parkin

Title:

Authorized Signatory

February 14 2018 CNH Partners, LLC

By:

/s/ Henry Parkin

Name:

Henry Parkin

Title:

Authorized Signatory

Attention — Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC, AQR Capital Management, LLC, and CNH Partners, LLC hereby agree that this Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the parties. AQR Capital Management, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of AQR Capital Management Holdings, LLC. CNH Partners, LLC is deemed to be controlled by AQR Capital Management, LLC.