BOULDER TOTAL RETURN FUND INC Form N-PX August 28, 2009

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> > FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-07390

BOULDER TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

2344 Spruce Street, Suite A, Boulder, CO 80302 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Stephen C. Miller 2344 Spruce Street, Suite A, Boulder, CO 80302 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (303) 444-5483

Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

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Proxy Voting Record

For Period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

| Name of Issuer                   | Ticker<br>Symbol |           | Sharehold<br>Meeting<br>Date | Record<br>Date | Meeting<br>Type | Description of Matter to<br>be Voted On  | Propo<br>by<br>Issu<br>OI<br>Hold |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Diageo PLC                       | DEO              | 25243Q205 | 10/15/2008                   | 9/8/2008       | Annual          | <ol> <li>Report and accounts</li> <li>Director's<br/>remuneration report</li> </ol>  | Issı<br>Issı                      |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 2008<br>3 Declaration of final   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | dividend<br>4 Re-elect Dr. FB  | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | Humer as Director<br>5 Re-elect M. Lilja as  | Issu                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | Director<br>6 Re-elect WS Shanahan   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | as Director<br>7 Re-elect HT Stitzer<br>as Director  | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 8 Election of PG Scott<br>as Director  | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 9 Re-appointment and<br>remuneration of<br>auditor   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 10 Authority to allot<br>relevant securities   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 11 Disapplication of<br>pre-emption rights   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 12 Authority to<br>purchase own<br>ordinary shares   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 13 Authority to make<br>political donations<br>and or incur<br>political expenditure   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 14 Adoption of the<br>Diageo plc 2008<br>Performance Share<br>Plan   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | 15 Adoption of the<br>Diageo plc 2008<br>Senior Executive<br>Share Option  | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | <pre>16 Authority to     establish     international share</pre>   | Issı                              |
|                                  |                  |           |                              |                |                 | plans<br>17 Amendments to the<br>articles of<br>association  | Issı                              |
| Anheuser-Busch<br>Companies Inc. | BUD              | 035229103 | 11/12/2008                   | 10/3/2008      | Special         | 1 Adopt agreement and plan of merger   | Issı                              |
| companies inc.                   |                  |           |                              |                |                 | <pre>2 Adjourn special<br/>meeting to a later<br/>date to solicit<br/>additional proxies<br/>if there are<br/>insufficient votes<br/>to approve Porposal 1</pre> | Issı                              |

| Walgreen Co.                                   | WAG   | 931422109   | 1/14/2008   | 11/17/2008  | 2  | Directors<br>2 Ratify appointment I<br>of Deloitte &<br>Touche, LLP & Young<br>LLP as public<br>accounting firm.<br>3 Increase number of I<br>common shares<br>4 Chairman be an H<br>independent director<br>who has not served<br>as an executive<br>officer  | issu<br>issu<br>issu<br>lold  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| First<br>American<br>Corporation               | FAF   | 318522307   | 12/10/2008  | 10/13/2008  | 2  | seventeen (17)<br>Directors<br>2 Increase range in I<br>the number of<br>directors to 10   | Issu<br>Issu  |
| D.R. Horton,<br>Inc.                           | DHI   | 23331A109   | 1/29/2009   | 12/2/2008   | 2  | <ul> <li>(7) Directors</li> <li>Amend EEO Policy H</li> <li>Majority vote H</li> <li>standard for</li> <li>election of directors</li> </ul>  | Issu<br>Hold<br>Hold<br>Issu  |
| F&C/Claymore<br>PFD SEC<br>Income<br>FD-common | FFC   | 338478100   | 4/21/2009   | 1/21/2009   | Annual 1   | l Election of one (1) I<br>director  | lssu  |
| F&C/Claymore<br>Total Return<br>Fund-common    | FLC   | 338479108   | 4/21/2009   | 1/21/2009   | Annual 1   | l Election of one (1) I<br>director  | ssu   |
| KB Home  | КВН   | 48666K109   | 4/2/2009  | 2/13/2009   | 2  | <ul> <li>(7) Directors</li> <li>Ratify appointment I of Ernst &amp; Young, LLP as public accounting firm.</li> <li>Amendment to I restated certificate of incorporation</li> <li>Proposal to approve I successor rights plan</li> </ul>  | Issu<br>Issu<br>Issu<br>Issu  |
|  | First<br>American<br>Corporation<br>D.R. Horton,<br>Inc.<br>F&C/Claymore<br>PFD SEC<br>Income<br>FD-common<br>F&C/Claymore<br>Total Return<br>Fund-common | First FAF<br>American<br>Corporation DHI<br>D.R. Horton, DHI<br>Inc. DHI<br>Inc. FFC<br>F&C/Claymore FFC<br>Income<br>FD-common F&C/Claymore FLC<br>Total Return<br>Fund-common FLC | First FAF 318522307<br>American<br>Corporation DHI 23331A109<br>D.R. Horton, DHI 23331A109<br>Inc.<br>F&C/Claymore FFC 338478100<br>PFD SEC<br>Income<br>FD-common<br>F&C/Claymore FLC 338479108<br>Total Return<br>Fund-common | First       FAF       318522307       12/10/2008         American       Corporation       D.R. Horton,       DHI       23331A109       1/29/2009         D.R. Horton,       DHI       23331A109       1/29/2009         Inc.       F&C/Claymore       FFC       338478100       4/21/2009         FpD SEC       Income       FD-common       FLC       338479108       4/21/2009         F&C/Claymore       FLC       338479108       4/21/2009 | First       FAF       318522307       12/10/2008       10/13/2008         American       Corporation       D.R. Horton,       DHI       23331A109       1/29/2009       12/2/2008         D.R. Horton,       DHI       23331A109       1/29/2009       12/2/2008         Inc.       FFC       338478100       4/21/2009       1/21/2009         FSC/Claymore       FFC       338478100       4/21/2009       1/21/2009         FSC/Claymore       FLC       338479108       4/21/2009       1/21/2009         FSC/Claymore       FLC       338479108       4/21/2009       1/21/2009 | First       FAF       318522307       12/10/2008       10/13/2008       Annual         American       Corporation       Image: State of the state | <ul> <li>Directors</li> <li>Ratify appointment I</li> <li>Ratify appointment I</li> <li>Robbille 4</li> <li>Tochesse number of accounting firm.</li> <li>Tocresse number of accounting firm.</li> <li>Tocresse number of accounting firm.</li> <li>Reserved as an executive officer</li> <li>Reserved as accounting firm.</li> <li>Reserved as accounting firm.</li> <li>Reserved as a security appointment I</li> <li>Reserved as a security appointment I</li></ul> |

|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 6        | Executives and vote<br>against 6, 7, & 8<br>Proposal relating to               | Hold         |
|---------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|--|--------------|
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 0        | executive incentive<br>plan  | IIUIU        |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 7        | Proposal relating to<br>advisory vote on<br>executive<br>compensation          | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 8        | Proposal relating to<br>healthcare reform<br>principals                        | Hold         |
| The Ryland<br>Group, Inc. | RYL | 783764103 | 4/29/2009 | 2/17/2009 | Annual | 1        | Election of eight<br>(8) Directors   | Issu         |
| ± '                       |     |           |           |           |        | 2        | Amendment of the articles of   | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 3        | incorporation<br>Shareholder rights  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 4        | plan<br>Proposal from the<br>Nathan Cummings                                   | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 5        | Foundation<br>Proposal from  | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        |          | certain retirement<br>systems and pensions<br>funds of the<br>employees of NYC |              |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 6        | Proposal from<br>Amalgamated Bank  | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        |          | Longview Midcap 400<br>Index Fund  |              |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 7        | Ratify Ernst & Young<br>as accountant  | Issu         |
| Eaton<br>Corporation      | ETN | 278058102 | 4/22/2009 | 2/23/2009 | Annual | 1        | Election of four (4)<br>Directors  | Issu         |
| 1                         |     |           |           |           |        | 2        | 2009 Stock Plan  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 3        | Ernst & Young as<br>auditor  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | В        | Ratify KPMG  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | C1       | Cumulative Voting  | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | C2       | Executive<br>Compensation  | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | C3       | Study re Breaking up<br>GE   | Hold         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | C4<br>C5 | Dividend policy<br>Golden parachutes   | Hold<br>Hold |
| Johnson &<br>Johnson      | JNJ | 478160104 | 4/23/2009 | 2/24/2009 | Annual | 1        | Election of ten (10)<br>Directors  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 2<br>3   | Ratify PWC<br>Executive<br>Compensation  | Issu<br>Hold |
| Pfizer Inc.               | PFE | 717081103 | 4/23/2009 | 2/24/2009 | Annual | 1        | Election of eleven<br>(11) Directors   | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 2        | KPMG as accountants  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 3        | 2006 Stock plan  | Issu         |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        | 4<br>5   | Stock options<br>Executive   | Hold<br>Hold |
|                           |     |           |           |           |        |          |  |              |

|   |       |           |           |           |        | 6<br>7 | compensation<br>Cumulative voting<br>Special shareholder<br>meetings | Hold<br>Hold |
|---|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--|--------------|
| Neuberger<br>Berman R/E<br>SEC<br>Income-PFD C    | NRO-W | 64190A301 | 5/13/2009 | 2/27/2009 | Annual | 1      | Approve new<br>management agreement                                  | Issu         |
| Income-FFD C                                      |       |           |           |           |        | 2      | Approve new<br>sub-advisory<br>agreement                             | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 3      | Election of five (5)<br>Directors                                    | Issu         |
| Burlington<br>Northern<br>Santa Fe<br>Corporation | BNI   | 12189T104 | 4/23/2009 | 2/27/2009 | Annual | 1      | Election of eleven<br>(11) Directors                                 | Issu         |
| corporación                                       |       |           |           |           |        | 2      | PWC as auditor   | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 3      | Executive pay  | Hold         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 4      | Special shareholder<br>meeting                                       | Hold         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 5      | Report on political contributions                                    | Hold         |
| Berkshire<br>Hathaway, Inc.                       | BRK/A | 084670108 | 5/2/2009  | 3/4/2009  | Annual | 1      | Election of eleven (11) Directors                                    | Issu         |
| _ ·   |       |           |           |           |        | 2      | Sustainability report  | Hold         |
| Berkshire   | BRK/B | 084670207 | 5/2/2009  | 3/4/2009  | Annual | 1      | Election of eleven   | Issu         |
| Hathaway, Inc.                                    |       |           |           |           |        | 2      | (11) Directors<br>Sustainability report                              | Hold         |
| Cohen f   | DOT M | 19247L700 | 4/20/2000 | 2/5/2000  | 7      | 1      |  | Teer         |
| Cohen &<br>Steers<br>Quality Inc<br>RLTY - SER M7 | KQ1−M | 192471700 | 4/30/2009 | 3/5/2009  | Annual | 1      | Election of three<br>(3) Directors                                   | Issu         |
| Cohen &<br>Steers REIT &<br>Utility In Sr<br>Com  | RTU   | 19247Y108 | 4/30/2009 | 3/5/2009  | Annual | 1      | Election of three<br>(3) Directors                                   | Issu         |
| Cohen &<br>Steers SEL<br>Utility FD-Com           | UTF   | 19248A109 | 4/30/2009 | 3/5/2009  | Annual | 1      | Election of three<br>(3) Directors                                   | Issu         |
| 3M Company  | MMM   | 88579Y101 | 5/12/2009 | 3/13/2009 | Annual | 1      | Election of nine (9)<br>Directors                                    | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 2      | PWC as accountant  | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 3      | Special meetings   | Hold         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 4      | Vesting of stock<br>options and awards                               | Hold         |
| YRC Worldwide<br>Inc.                             | YRCW  | 984249102 | 5/14/2009 | 3/17/2009 | Annual | 1      | Election of nine (9)<br>Directors                                    | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 2      | Approval of union  | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        | 3      | employee option plan.<br>Approval of                                 | Issu         |
|   |       |           |           |           |        |        | non-union employee<br>option plan.                                   |              |

|  |     |           |           |           |        | 4 | Appointment of KPMG,<br>LLP as accountants<br>for 2009  | Issu |
|--|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---|---|------|
| Yum! Bands,<br>Inc.                    | YUM | 988498101 | 5/21/2009 | 3/23/2009 | Annual | 1 | Election of thirteen<br>(13) Directors  | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | Ratify auditors   | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 3 | Approve Executive<br>Incentive  | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        |   | Compensation plan   |      |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 4 | Shareholder rights<br>plan  | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 5 | Proposal to ratify<br>executive   | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 6 | compensation plan<br>Proposal relating to<br>food supply chain<br>security and<br>sustainability  | Hold |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 7 | Proposal relating to  | Hold |
|  |     |           |           |           |        |   | healthcare reform<br>principals   |      |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 8 | Proposal relating to animal welfare   | Hold |
| Constellation<br>Energy Group,<br>Inc. | CEG | 210371100 | 5/29/2009 | 3/27/2009 | Annual | 1 | Election of eleven<br>(11) Directors  | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | PWC, LLP as<br>accountant   | Issu |
| The Home<br>Depot, Inc.                | HD  | 437076102 | 5/28/2009 | 3/30/2009 | Annual | 1 | Election of nine (9)<br>Directors   | Issu |
| -                                      |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | KPMG, LLP as  | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | accountant  | -    |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 3 | Allow holders of 25%<br>of shares of the<br>company's<br>outstanding common<br>stock to call a<br>special a special<br>meeting of<br>shareholders | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 4 | Cumulative Voting   | Hold |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 5 | Special shareholder<br>meetings   | Hold |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 6 | Employment diversity report   | Hold |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 7 | Executive officer compensation  | Hold |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 8 | Energy use  | Hold |
| Redwood<br>Trust, Inc.                 | RWT | 758075402 | 5/19/2009 | 3/31/2009 | Annual | 1 | Election of four (4)<br>Directors   | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | Grant Thornton LLP<br>as accountantp  | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 3 | plan to increase<br>shares authorized<br>for issuance under   | Issu |
|  |     |           |           |           |        | 4 | that plan by 100,00<br>Amend charter to<br>increase shares from   | Issu |

|                          |     |           |           |           |        |   | 75 million to 100 million                        |      |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---|--|------|
| Wal-Mart<br>Stores, Inc. | WMT | 931142103 | 6/5/2009  | 4/9/2009  | Annual | 1 | Election of fifteen (15) Directors               | Issu |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | Ernst & Young LLP as<br>accountants              | Issu |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 3 | Gender identity<br>non-discrimination<br>policy  | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 4 | Superior performance pay                         | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 5 | Executive<br>compensation                        | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 6 | Political<br>contributions report                | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 7 | Special shareholder meetings                     | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 8 | Incentive<br>compensation to be<br>stock options | Hold |
| Caterpillar,<br>Inc      | CAT | 149123101 | 6/10/2009 | 4/13/2009 | Annual | 1 | Election of five (5)<br>Directors                | Issu |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 2 | Ratify Auditors                                  | Issu |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 3 | Annual election of directors                     | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 4 | Majority vote for<br>directors                   | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 5 | Foreign military<br>sales                        | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 6 | Majority vote                                    | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 7 | Independent<br>compensation<br>consultant        | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 8 | Independent Chairman<br>of the Board             | Hold |
|                          |     |           |           |           |        | 9 | Lobbying priorities                              | Hold |

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Boulder Total Return Fund, Inc.

By: /s/ Stephen C. Miller Stephen C. Miller President (Principal Executive Officer) Date: August 28, 2009