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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

^ Kasch Rick D  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

830 TENDERFOOT HILL ROAD,^ SUITE 310

(Street)

COLORADO SPRINGS,^ CO^ 80906

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 07/27/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP [ASPN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

1,451,924

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

D ^

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	07/30/2010	07/30/2015	Common Stock 300,000 \$ 0.49	D

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kasch Rick D 830 TENDERFOOT HILL ROAD SUITE 310 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Rick D. 08/02/2010  
Kasch

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options granted pursuant to Aspen's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. These options vest on a pro-rata basis over a three year term, with the first one third having vested on July 30, 2010. This transaction is exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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