

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
 Form 4
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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 *
 CARTER NICK

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [NRP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 2827, 1035 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President & COO

HUNTINGTON, WV 25727

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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 of | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---|--|----|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Phantom Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 02/14/2005 | A | 5,000 | 02/14/2009 | 02/14/2009 | Common Units | 5,000 |
| Phantom Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | | | | 02/11/2008 | 02/11/2008 | Common Units | 4,420 |
| Phantom Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | | | | 02/25/2007 | 02/25/2007 | Common Units | 11,762 |
| Phantom Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | | | | 02/25/2006 | 02/25/2006 | Common Units | 1,833 |
| Phantom Units ⁽¹⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | | | | 02/25/2005 | 02/25/2005 | Common Units | 1,834 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARTER NICK P.O. BOX 2827 1035 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON, WV 25727 | | | President & COO | |

Signatures

Nick Carter 02/16/2005
**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) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (2) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.

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