

CARTER NICK
Form 4
February 28, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/25/2005

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

(Street)
HUNTINGTON, WV 25727

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	02/25/2005		M	1,834	A <u>(2)</u>	7,134	D
Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	02/25/2005		D	1,834	D <u>(3)</u> \$ 58.78 <u>(2)</u>	5,300	D
Common Units					98	I	By Spouse

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 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
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	02/25/2005		M		1,834		02/25/2005	02/25/2005	Common Units	1,834
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u>							02/25/2006	02/25/2006	Common Units	1,833
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u>							02/25/2007	02/25/2007	Common Units	11,762
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u>							02/11/2008	02/11/2008	Common Units	4,420
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u>							02/14/2009	02/14/2009	Common Units	5,000

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 02/28/2005

 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (2) Upon vesting, the phantom units were paid in cash on a one for one basis based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.
- (3) The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II.
- (4) 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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