

FIRST RESERVE GP IX L P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
FIRST RESERVE GP IX INC

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/09/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE

(Street)

4. 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

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares		
Subordinated Units	(1)	08/09/2005	S		4,200,000	(1)	(1)	Common Units	4,200,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FIRST RESERVE GP IX INC ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		
FIRST RESERVE FUND IX L P ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		
FIRST RESERVE GP IX L P ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		
FRC NRP A V HOLDINGS L P ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		
FRC NRP INC ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		
FRC WPP GP LLC ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		
FRC WPP NRP INVESTMENT L P ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas R.  
Denison 08/11/2005  
 \*\*Signature of  
 Reporting Person Date

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## 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).  
 The Subordinated Units are convertible into Common Units in the manner described in the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Natural Resource Partners L.P. (the "Issuer") dated October 17, 2002, filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC by the Issuer on March 31, 2003 (File No.001-31465), as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Natural Resource Partners L.P., dated December 8, 2003, filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed with the SEC by the Issuer on December 23, 2003 (File No. 333-111532).
- (1) In addition, the FRC Entities, as defined below, are entitled to a portion of the profits from any sale of the Issuer's stock held by Alex T. Krueger, an officer of GP Inc., and therefore may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the 5,408 phantom units held of record by Mr. Krueger. Mr. Krueger disclaims any beneficial ownership of any securities of the Issuer held by the FRC Entities.
- (3) The sale of the Subordinated Units as reported on this Form 4 are directly owned by FRC-WPP NRP Investment L.P. (the "Unit Holder"). FRC-WPP GP LLC (the "Investment GP") is the general partner of the Unit Holder. FRC-NRP A.V. Holdings, L.P. ("AV") holds a majority of the limited partnership interests and member interests of the Unit Holder and the Investment GP, respectively. FRC-NRP, Inc. ("Blocker") and First Reserve GP IX, L.P. ("GP IX") are the general partners of AV, and First Reserve Fund IX, L.P. ("Fund IX") is the sole stockholder of Blocker. GP IX is the general partner of Fund IX, and First Reserve GP IX, Inc. ("First Reserve") is the general partner of GP IX. Each of the Unit Holder, the Investment GP, AV, Blocker, Fund IX and GP IX are controlled by First Reserve. First Reserve, GP IX, Fund IX, AV and Blocker are collectively referred to as the "FRC Entities." The Unit Holder and the Investment GP are collectively referred to as the "NRP Entities."
- (4) The FRC Entities disclaim any beneficial ownership of any Subordinated Units in which they do not hold a direct or indirect pecuniary interest.

### Remarks:

First Reserve GP IX, Inc. ("GP Inc."), by Thomas R. Denison, Managing Director is signing for itself as the designated filer, a

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