

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
Form 4
February 12, 2015

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 *
SMITH STEPHEN P

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)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, 14TH
FLOOR

02/10/2015

(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

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/10/2015		M		3,580	A	\$

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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 ⁽³⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/10/2015		M	3,580	02/10/2015 02/10/2015	Common Units 3,580
Phantom Units ⁽³⁾	<u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>					02/14/2016 02/14/2016	Common Units 3,700
Phantom Units ⁽³⁾	<u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>					02/13/2017 02/13/2017	Common Units 3,700
Phantom Units ⁽³⁾	<u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>					02/12/2018 02/12/2018	Common Units 3,885
Phantom Units ⁽³⁾	<u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>	02/11/2015		A	4,100	02/11/2019 02/11/2019	Common Units 4,100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SMITH STEPHEN P 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE 14TH FLOOR COLUMBUS, OH 43215	X

Signatures

Stephen P. Smith
02/12/2015

**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 common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II.
- (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.

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- (3) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long-term incentive plan.
- (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 prior to the date of vesting.
- (5) Award includes tandem distribution equivalent rights pursuant to which the quarterly distributions paid by the partnership on each unit will be accrued over the vesting period and paid on vesting.

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