

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 4

February 13, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KARN ROBERT B III

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)

3709 ASCOT BEND COURT

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2008

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

BONITO SPRINGS, FL 34134

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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Person

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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Units ⁽³⁾	02/11/2008		M		3,000	A ⁽³⁾	<u>(2)</u>	8,000	D	
Common Units ⁽³⁾	02/11/2008		D		3,000	D ⁽³⁾	\$ 30.03 <u>(2)</u>	5,000	D	
Common Units								300	I	

By The
Payton
Grace
Portnoy
Irrevocable
Trust

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Common Units	300	I	By The Blake Kristopher Irrevocable Trust
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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)		8. D S (
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	02/11/2008		M	3,000	02/11/2008	02/11/2008	Common Units	3,000	
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					02/14/2009	02/14/2009	Common Units	3,000	
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					02/13/2010	02/13/2010	Common Units	3,000	
Phantom Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(4)</u>					02/13/2011	02/13/2011	Common Units	3,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KARN ROBERT B III 3709 ASCOT BEND COURT BONITO SPRINGS, FL 34134	X			

Signatures

Robert B. Karn
III

02/13/2008

__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) 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 prior to the date of vesting.

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