

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
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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)
 5260 IRWIN ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/01/2014

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

HUNTINGTON, WV 25705

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 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⁾ | 09/01/2014 | | M | | 63,800 | A ⁽¹⁾ | \$ ⁽²⁾ 87,800 |
| Common Units ⁽¹⁾ | 09/01/2014 | | D | | 63,800 | D ⁽¹⁾ | \$ ⁽²⁾ 16.11 24,000 |
| Common Units | | | | | | | 210 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) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Phantom Units ⁽³⁾ | <u>(2)</u> | 09/01/2014 | | M | 63,800 | 09/01/2014 | 09/01/2014 | Common Units | 63,800 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARTER NICK 5260 IRWIN ROAD HUNTINGTON, WV 25705 | | | President & COO | |

Signatures

Nick Carter 09/02/2014

**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. Mr. Carter retired as President and COO of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC, effective September 1, 2014. The Compensation, Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC decided to accelerate the vesting of all of Mr. Carter's phantom units effective upon the date of his retirement.
- (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, together with the associated distribution equivalent rights.
- (3) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.

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