

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
Form 4
February 29, 2008

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**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)

1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/28/2008

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

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Units			Code	V Amount (D) Price	3,551.5664	D	

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)

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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)	
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>	02/28/2008		A		3,000	02/28/2012 02/28/2012	Common Units 3,000
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>						02/13/2011 02/13/2011	Common Units 3,000
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>						02/13/2010 02/13/2010	Common Units 3,000
Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>						02/14/2009 02/14/2009	Common Units 3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH STEPHEN P 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215	X			

Signatures

Stephen P.
Smith 02/29/2008

 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) 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.
- (3) 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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