

KARN ROBERT B III
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/18/2005

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

(Street)
BONITO SPRINGS, FL 34134

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	10/18/2005		M		1,358	A	<u>(2)</u> 3,858
Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	10/18/2005		D		1,358	D	\$ <u>(3)</u> 61.23 <u>(2)</u> 2,500

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in the top line of 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 preceding the date of vesting.

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