

MESA ROYALTY TRUST/TX  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ALPINE CAPITAL LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MESA ROYALTY TRUST/TX  
[MTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
201 MAIN ST STE 3100,  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2004

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

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

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

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price |   |  |                                   |
| Units of Beneficial Interest    | 12/20/2004                           |  | S                              | 750   | (1) D | \$ 68 220,566   | D  | (1) (2)                           |
| Units of Beneficial Interest    | 12/21/2004                           |  | S                              | 150   | (1) D | \$ 68 220,416   | D  | (1) (2)                           |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALPINE CAPITAL LP<br>201 MAIN ST STE 3100<br>FORT WORTH, TX 76102           |               | X         |         |       |
| ALGENPAR INC<br>201 MAIN ST STE 3100<br>FORT WORTH, TX 76102                |               | X         |         |       |
| CRANDALL J TAYLOR<br>2775 SAND HILL RD<br>SUITE 220<br>MENLO PARK, CA 94025 |               | X         |         |       |
| BRUCE ROBERT W III<br>201 MAIN STREET STE 2500<br>FORT WORTH, TX 76102      |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Robert W. Bruce III, Manager - Alpine Capital, L.P. | 12/22/2004 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person                         | Date       |
| /s/ J. Taylor Crandall, Algenpar, Inc.                  | 12/22/2004 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person                         | Date       |
| /s/ Robert W. Bruce III                                 | 12/22/2004 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person                         | Date       |
| /s/ J. Taylor Crandall                                  | 12/22/2004 |

\_\_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).

J. Taylor Crandall ("Crandall") is the President and sole stockholder of Algenpar, Inc., a Texas corporation ("Algenpar"), which is one of  
(1) two general partners of Alpine Capital, L.P., a Texas limited partnership ("Alpine"), which is the direct beneficial owner of certain of the securities reported herein. Robert W. Bruce III ("Bruce") is the other general partner of Alpine.

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), Crandall, Algenpar and Bruce are deemed to be beneficial owners of the shares beneficially owned by Alpine only to the extent of the greater of his or its respective direct  
(2) or indirect interest in the profits or capital account of Alpine. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Act, this filing shall not be deemed an admission that Bruce, Crandall or Algenpar is, for purposes of Section 16 or the Act or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities owned by Alpine in excess of such amount.

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