

KARN ROBERT B III  
 Form 4  
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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)

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 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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**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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Phantom Units <sup>(1)</sup>               | <u>(2)</u>   | 10/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 1,358   | 10/18/2005 10/18/2005                                    | Common Units  | 1,358                         |
| Phantom Units <sup>(1)</sup>               | <u>(4)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2007 02/11/2007                                    | Common Units  | 1,350                         |
| Phantom Units <sup>(1)</sup>               | <u>(4)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2008 02/11/2008                                    | Common Units  | 1,350                         |
| Phantom Units <sup>(1)</sup>               | <u>(4)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/14/2009 02/14/2009                                    | Common Units  | 1,350                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Robert B Karn  
III 10/18/2005

     \*\*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 originally 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)

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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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