

CARTER NICK  
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**Form 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Carter, Nick</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NRP)</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>02/25/2003</b>		(Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <b>President and Chief Operating Officer</b>		
P.O. Box 2827 1035 Third Avenue, Suite 300				5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				
(Street) <b>Huntington, WV 25727</b>			(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>		

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 Transactions (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			
<b>Common Units</b>	<b>02/25/2003</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>11,762</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>16,762</b>	<b>D</b>	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instructions 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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)	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 Beneficially Owned Following	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect
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			(Instr. 3,4 and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	(1) (Instr. 4)
			Code	V						
\$22.65	02/25/2003		A		02/25/2004 (2)	02/25/2013	Common Units	17,644	17,644	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) These units represent a restricted unit grant approved by the Board of Directors of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC on February 25, 2003. The restricted units vest on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, or February 25, 2007.

(2) The options vest in three equal annual installments, beginning on February 25, 2004.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Nick Carter

02/27/2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
Nick Carter

Date

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