

FIRST RESERVE GP IX L P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
FIRST RESERVE GP IX INC

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/18/2004

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

ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE

(Street)

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

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(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) |              |                               |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
|                                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |              |                               |
|                                    |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |              |                               |
| Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 10/18/2004                           |  | M                              | 1,358   | A   | <u>(2)</u>   | 1,358                             | I <u>(3)</u> | See Remarks and FN <u>(4)</u> |
| Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 10/18/2004                           |  | D                              | 1,358   | D   | \$ <u>(5)</u>  | 43.50                             | I <u>(3)</u> | See Remarks and FN <u>(4)</u> |

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 <u>(1)</u>                   | <u>(2)</u>   | 10/18/2004                           |  | M                              | 1,358   | 10/18/2004 10/18/2004                                    | Common Units  | 1,358                         |
| Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>                   | <u>(6)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/18/2005 10/18/2005                                    | Common Units  | 1,358                         |
| Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>                   | <u>(6)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2007 02/11/2007                                    | Common Units  | 1,350                         |
| Phantom Units <u>(1)</u>                   | <u>(6)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2008 01/11/2008                                    | Common Units  | 1,350                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FIRST RESERVE GP IX INC<br>ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830    | X             | X         |         |       |
| FRC WPP NRP INVESTMENT L P<br>ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830 |               | X         |         |       |
| FRC NRP INC<br>ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830                |               | X         |         |       |
| FRC NRP A V HOLDINGS L P<br>ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830   |               | X         |         |       |
| FRC WPP GP LLC<br>ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830             |               | X         |         |       |
| KRUEGER ALEX T<br>ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE                                    | X             |           |         |       |

GREENWICH, CT 06830

FIRST RESERVE GP IX L P  
 ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE X  
 GREENWICH, CT 06830

FIRST RESERVE FUND IX L P  
 ONE LAFAYETTE PLACE X  
 GREENWICH, CT 06830

## Signatures

/s/ Thomas R. Denison, Managing Director-First Reserve; Manager-Investment GP;  
 Attorney-in-Fact for Alex Krueger. First Reserve is signing on behalf of the FRC Entities (see  
 "Remarks"). Investment GP signing on behalf of the NRP Entities (see "Remarks")

10/20/2004

\_\_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).
- (1) The phantom units were granted to Alex T. Krueger under the Issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (2) Upon vesting, the phantom units were paid in cash on a one for one basis of common units based on the market value of the common units (\$43.50) on the date of the vesting (October 18, 2004).
- (3) The phantom units reported on this Form 4 were granted to Alex T. Krueger in his capacity as a director of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC, which is the general partner of NRP (GP) LP, which is the general partner of the Issuer. Mr. Krueger was appointed as a director of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC by FRC-WPP NRP Investment L.P. (the "Appointer"), pursuant to an Investor Rights Agreement dated December 22, 2003.
- (4) The Fund Entities are entitled to a portion of the profits from any sale of Issuer securities held by Mr. Krueger, and therefore share beneficial ownership of any such securities, including phantom units. Mr. Krueger disclaims any beneficial ownership of any securities of the Issuer held by the FRC Entities.
- (5) The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II.
- (6) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the market value of the common units on the date of vesting.

### Remarks:

FRC-WPP GP LLC (the "Investment GP") is the general partner of the Appointer. FRC-NRP A.V. Holdings, L.P. ("AV") hol

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