

CARTER NICK
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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 *
CARTER NICK

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)
P.O. BOX 2827, 1035 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 300

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/26/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President & COO

HUNTINGTON, WV 25727

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

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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/26/2007		M	11,762 A <u>11</u>	17,062	D	
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/26/2007		D	11,762 D \$ 61.76 ⁽¹⁾	5,300	D	
Common Units					101	I	By Spouse

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	02/26/2007		M	11,762	02/26/2007	02/26/2007	Common Units	11,762
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					02/11/2008	02/11/2008	Common Units	4,420
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					02/14/2009	02/14/2009	Common Units	5,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					02/13/2010	02/13/2010	Common Units	5,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(4)</u>					02/13/2011	02/13/2011	Common Units	6,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER NICK P.O. BOX 2827 1035 THIRD AVENUE, SUITE 300 HUNTINGTON, WV 25727			President & COO	

Signatures

Nick Carter 02/27/2007
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 Table II, which 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.

- (2) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (3) As described in Footnote 1, 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.
- (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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