

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 4

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 4**

**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**

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

<p><b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b></p> <p>Karn III, Robert B.</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Last) (First) (Middle)</i></p> <p>12810 Topping Manor Drive</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>St. Louis, MO 63131</p> <hr/> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<p><b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b></p> <p>Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NRP)</p> <hr/> <p><b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b></p> <p>10/28/02</p> <hr/> <p><b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director    <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <hr/>	<p><b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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* instruction 4(b)(v).

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

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<b>1. Title of Derivative Security</b> <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	<b>2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</b>	<b>3. Transaction Date</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	<b>3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	<b>4. Transaction Code</b> <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	<b>5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</b> <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	
				<b>Code V</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>(D)</b>

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

<b>6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	<b>7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities</b> <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	<b>8. Price of Derivative Security</b> <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	<b>9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</b> <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	<b>10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)</b> <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	<b>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</b> <i>(Instr. 4)</i>
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<b>Date Exercisable</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount or Number of Shares</b>
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**Explanation of Responses:**

_____ /s/ Robert B. Karn III	_____ 10/28/02
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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