

ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR  
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 \*  
ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR

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)  
601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/12/2009

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |   |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |   |  |
| Common Units <u>(1)</u>         | 02/14/2009                           |  | M                              |   | 20,000  | A  | \$ 60,000   | D |  |
| Common Units <u>(1)</u>         | 02/14/2009                           |  | D                              |   | 20,000  | D  | \$ 22.81 <u>(1)</u>                                   | D |  |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 31,540  | I | By Spouse                                |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 17,279,860  | I | By Western Pocahontas Properties Limited |

|              |         |   |   |
|--------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Units | 129,328 | I | Partnership<br>(2)<br>By Western Bridgeport, Inc. (3) |
| Common Units | 670,024 | I | By New Gauley Coal Corporation (4)                    |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Units (5)                          | (7) (8)  | 02/12/2009                           |  | A                              | 35,000  | 02/12/2013   | 02/12/2013  | Common Units                  | 35,000                     |
| Phantom Units (5)                          | (7) (8)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2012   | 02/22/2012  | Common Units                  | 20,000                     |
| Phantom Units (5)                          | (7)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/13/2011   | 02/13/2011  | Common Units                  | 26,000                     |
| Phantom Units (5)                          | (7)  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/13/2010   | 02/13/2010  | Common Units                  | 20,000                     |
| Phantom Units (5)                          | (6)  | 02/14/2009                           |  | M                              | 20,000  | 02/14/2009   | 02/14/2009  | Common Units                  | 20,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                     | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR<br>601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 | X             | X         | Chairman and CEO |       |

