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NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP Form 4 February 15, 2017 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NAVARRE RICHARD A Issuer Symbol NATURAL RESOURCE (Check all applicable) PARTNERS LP [NRP] (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1201 LOUISIANA STREET, SUITE 02/13/2017 3400 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77002 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 02/13/2017 Μ (1) D 370 Α 1,370 Units (1) \$ Common 02/13/2017 D 36.5375 D 370 D 1,000 Units⁽¹⁾ (1)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	onof Deri Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (I	or osed)) r. 3, 4,	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>(5)</u>	02/13/2017		М		370	02/13/2017	02/13/2017	Common Units	370
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	(3) (4)						02/12/2018	02/12/2018	Common Units	389
Phantom Units (2)	(3) (4)						02/11/2019	02/11/2019	Common Units	410

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Addro	ess	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
NAVARRE RICHARD A 1201 LOUISIANA STREET SUITE 3400 HOUSTON, TX 77002	г _х								
Signatures									
Richard A. Navarre	02/15/2017								
<u>**</u> Signature of	Date								

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- * 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).

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(1) 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, together with accrued distribution equivalent rights.

(2) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan. All phantom unit numbers have been adjusted to reflect the issuer's 1-for-10 reverse unit split completed in February 2016.

(3)

Reporting Person

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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.

- (4) Award includes tandem distribution equivalent rights pursuant to which the quarterly distributions paid by the partnership on each unit will be accrued over the vesting period and paid on vesting.
- 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 (5) of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting, together with accrued distribution equivalent rights.

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