

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
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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 \*  
**KARN ROBERT B III**

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)  
**02/26/2009**

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

**3709 ASCOT BEND COURT**

(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

**BONITO SPRINGS, FL 34134**

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Units					5,000	D	
Common Units					300	I	By The Payton Grace Portnoy Irrevocable Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Units					300	I	By The Blake Kristopher Irrevocable

Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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 (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
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Phantom Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>	02/26/2009		A	3,000	02/26/2013	02/26/2013	Common Units	3,000
Phantom Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>					02/28/2012	02/28/2012	Common Units	3,000
Phantom Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>					02/13/2011	02/13/2011	Common Units	3,000
Phantom Units <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>					02/13/2010	02/13/2010	Common Units	3,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KARN ROBERT B III 3709 ASCOT BEND COURT BONITO SPRINGS, FL 34134		X		

## Signatures

Robert B. Karn III 03/02/2009

\*\*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) Mr. Karn disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

(2) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.

(3) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately prior to 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.

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