

Craig Kevin J
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Craig Kevin J

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)
5260 IRWIN ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/11/2010

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
VP-Business Development

HUNTINGTON, WV 25705

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2010		M	3,000	A	\$ 5,500	D
Common Units ⁽¹⁾	02/13/2010		D	3,000	D	\$ 24.06	D

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>(5)</u>	02/13/2010		M	3,000	02/13/2010 02/13/2010	Common Units 3,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>					02/13/2011 02/13/2011	Common Units 4,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>					02/22/2012 02/22/2012	Common Units 5,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>					02/12/2013 02/12/2013	Common Units 6,000
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	02/11/2010		A	8,000	02/11/2014 02/11/2014	Common Units 8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Craig Kevin J 5260 IRWIN ROAD HUNTINGTON, WV 25705	VP-Business Development

Signatures

Kevin J. Craig 02/16/2010
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).

- 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.
 - (2) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term 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 preceding the date of vesting.

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- (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.
- (5) 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.

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