

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 \*  
**HARTZ DAVID M**

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)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Oil and Gas

601 JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 3600

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

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77002

(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)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Units	01/31/2014		P		25.669 (1)	A	\$ 15.539	1,165.32	D (2)	
Common Units	05/14/2014		P		26.514 (1)	A	\$ 15.383	1,191.834	D (2)	
Common Units	08/14/2014		P		25.704 (1)	A	\$ 16.229	1,217.538	D (2)	
Common Units	11/14/2014		P		33.34 (1)	A	\$ 12.782	1,250.878	D (2)	
Common Units	02/13/2015		P		51.074 (1)	A	\$ 8.572	1,301.952	D (2)	

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Common Units	05/14/2015	P	23.154 (1)	A	\$ 5.061	1,325.106	D (2)
Common Units	08/14/2015	P	42.894 (1)	A	\$ 2.737	1,368	D (2)
Common Units	10/29/2015	D	1,368 (3)	D	\$ 1.6849	0	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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Units (4)	(5) (6)					Date Exercisable: 02/14/2016 Expiration Date: 02/14/2016	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 4,000
Phantom Units (4)	(5) (6)					Date Exercisable: 02/13/2017 Expiration Date: 02/13/2017	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 4,000
Phantom Units (4)	(5) (6)					Date Exercisable: 02/12/2018 Expiration Date: 02/12/2018	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 4,200
Phantom Units (4)	(5) (6)					Date Exercisable: 02/11/2019 Expiration Date: 02/11/2019	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 9,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTZ DAVID M 601 JEFFERSON STREET SUITE 3600			VP, Oil and Gas	

HOUSTON, TX 77002

## Signatures

David Hartz

12/18/2015

\_\_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) Purchase made pursuant to an automatic distribution reinvestment feature in the reporting person's brokerage account.
- (2) These common units were owned jointly with Mr. Hartz's spouse.
- (3) These common units were inadvertently disposed of by the reporting person's broker.
- (4) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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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