NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP [NRP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Units (1)	02/14/2016		M		32,000	A	(1)	1,308,727	D	
Common Units (1)	02/14/2016		D		32,000	D	$ 1.034 (1)	1,276,727	D	
Common Units								52,339	I	By Spouse
Common Units								17,279,860	I	By Western Pocahontas Properties Limited

				Partnership (2)
Common Units		5,627,120	I	By Western Bridgeport, Inc. (3)
Common Units		56	I	By QMP Inc. (4)
Common Units		110,206	I	By Western Pocahontas Corporation (5)

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 (6)	(9)	02/14/2016		M			32,000	02/14/2016	02/14/2016	Common Units	32,000
Phantom Units (6)	(7) (8)							02/13/2017	02/13/2017	Common Units	32,000
Phantom Units (6)	(7) (8)							02/12/2018	02/12/2018	Common Units	33,600
Phantom Units (6)	(7) (8)							02/11/2019	02/11/2019	Common Units	36,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR 601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X	X	Chairman and CEO

Signatures

Corbin J. Robertson, Jr.	02/17/2016
**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) 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 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) These units are beneficially owned by Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership, whose general partner is Western Pocahontas Corporation, a corporation controlled by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Robertson also holds indirect limited partner interests in Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership. All the common units owned by Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership are reported on this line. Mr. Robertson disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) Mr. Robertson, Jr. is the controlling shareholder of Western Bridgeport, Inc. Mr. Robertson, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of the units held by Western Bridgeport, Inc., except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(4) Mr. Robertson, Jr. is the controlling shareholder of QMP, Inc. Mr. Robertson, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of the units held by QMP, Inc., except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(5) Mr. Robertson, Jr. is the controlling shareholder of Western Pocahontas Corporation. Mr. Robertson, Jr. disclaims beneficial ownership of the units held by Western Pocahontas Corporation, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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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