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October 22, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): OCTOBER 18, 2002

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	001-31465 (Commission File Number)	35-2164875 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)	77002 (Zip code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 751-7507

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Reference is made to the Natural Resource Partners L.P. press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein, which relates to the company's appointment of two independent directors.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued October 22, 2002

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P.
(Registrant)

By: NRP (GP) LP
its General Partner

By: GP Natural Resource Partners LLC
its General Partner

/s/ DWIGHT L. DUNLAP

Dwight L. Dunlap
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Dated: October 22, 2002

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