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Form 8-K December 05, 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): DECEMBER 5, 2002

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

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction 001-31465 35-2164875 of incorporation or (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer organization) Number) Identification No.)

601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TEXAS (Address of principal executive offices)

77002 (Zip code)

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 as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K, which relates to the completion of the company's acquisition of coal reserves from subsidiaries of El Paso Corporation for \$57 million in cash.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

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Press release issued December 5, 2002

SIGNATURES

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.

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(Registrant)

By: NRP (GP) LP

its General Partner

By: GP Natural Resource Partners LLC

its General Partner

Charles H. Kerr

Secretary

Dated: December 5, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

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