

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 3

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

FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>)</p> <p>Kerr, Charles H.</p> <hr/> <p>601 Jefferson Street, Suite 3600</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>Houston, TX 77002</p> <hr/> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>)</p> <p>10/18/2002</p> <hr/> <p>4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NRP)</p> <hr/> <p>6. If Amendment, Date of Original (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>)</p> <hr/>	<p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (<i>voluntary</i>)</p> <hr/> <p>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (<i>Check All Applicable</i>)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Director <input checked="" type="radio"/> Officer (<i>give title below</i>)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 10% Owner <input type="radio"/> Other (<i>specify below</i>)</p> <p>Secretary</p> <hr/> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (<i>Check Applicable Line</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 5)</i>
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Common Units	2,500	D	
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Table II Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 5)</i>	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 5)</i>
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Date Exercisable	Expi-ration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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None

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Charles H. Kerr

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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