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| Form 4            |
| February 27, 2003 |
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>Carter, Nick                 |  |   |                             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NRP) |   |  |                  |       |   |   | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer       |   |  |  |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|---|--|------------------|-------|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>P.O. Box 2827<br>1035 Third Avenue, Suite 300 |  |   | Identification<br>Number of |  |   | 4. Statement for<br>Month/Day/Year<br>02/25/2003 |                  |       |   | (Check all applicable)    Director 10%   Owner 0fficer (give title below) Other   (specify below) Other   President and Chief Operating Officer |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)<br>Huntington, WV 25727   |  |   |                             |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of<br>Original (Month/Day/Year) |  |                  |       | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing<br>(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One<br>Reporting Person |   |  |   |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |  |   |                             | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu<br>Owned                                |   |  |                  |       |   | · · · · · ·   |  |   |  |  |
| . Title of<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 3)  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                             | Transaction  |   | or Disposed of (D) Se<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ov  |                  |       | Sec<br>Ben<br>Owr   |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |
|  |  |   |                             | Code   | ٧   | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price | Rep<br>Trar   | lowing<br>ported<br>nsactions<br>str. 3 and 4)  | (Instr. 4)   | (Instr. 4)  |  |  |
| ommon<br>nits  | 02/25/2003                                 |   |                             |  |   |  |                  |       |   |   |  |   |  |  |