ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP Form 8-K April 28, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): April 28, 2014

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Commission File No.: **0-26823** **73-1564280** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 295-7600

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the following information, including the exhibit referenced therein, are being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K and are not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are not subject to the liabilities of that section and are not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), or the Exchange Act.

On April 28, 2014, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership) announced via press release its quarterly earnings and operating results for the quarter ended March 31, 2014. A copy of the Partnership s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

Exhibits

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the following information, including the exhibit referenced therein, are being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and are not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, are not subject to the liabilities of that section and are not deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

On April 28, 2014, the Partnership issued a press release announcing that the board of directors of its managing general partner approved a two-for-one split of the Partnership s common units. The two-for-one split will be effective on June 16, 2014, by a distribution of one additional common unit for each common unit outstanding and held by unitholders of record at the close of business on May 30, 2014. A copy of the Partnership s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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99.1 Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of April 28, 2014.

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SIGNATURES

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

Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.

By: Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC, its managing general partner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Craft III Joseph W. Craft III President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 28, 2014

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