**MORIAN S REED** Form 4 October 18, 2005

# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **MORIAN S REED** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NATURAL RESOURCE

PARTNERS LP [NRP]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

X\_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600

10/18/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HOUSTON, TX 77002

| (City)                               | (State)                              | (Zip) Table   | e I - Non-D                            | erivative                             | Secur    | ities Acq          | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose   | d of (D)           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common Units (1) (2)                 | 10/18/2005                           |   | M                                      | 1,358                                 | A        | <u>(2)</u>         | 11,358   | D  |   |
| Common Units (1) (2)                 | 10/18/2005                           |   | D                                      | 1,358                                 | D<br>(3) | \$<br>61.23<br>(2) | 10,000   | D  |   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |  |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|--|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Units (1)                                | <u>(2)</u>  | 10/18/2005                              |   | M                                     |   | 1,358 | 10/18/2005   | 10/18/2005         | Common<br>Units   | 1,358                                  |
| Phantom<br>Units (1)                                | <u>(4)</u>  |   |   |                                       |   |       | 02/11/2007   | 02/11/2007         | Common<br>Units   | 1,350                                  |
| Phantom<br>Units (1)                                | <u>(4)</u>  |   |   |                                       |   |       | 02/11/2008   | 02/11/2008         | Common<br>Units   | 1,350                                  |
| Phantom<br>Units (1)                                | <u>(4)</u>  |   |   |                                       |   |       | 02/14/2009   | 02/14/2009         | Common<br>Units   | 1,350                                  |

### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • 0   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| MORIAN S REED<br>601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |

## **Signatures**

S. Reed Morian 10/18/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
- (2) Upon vesting, the phantom units were paid in cash on a one for one basis based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.
- (3) The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in the top line of Table II.

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The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately preceding the date of vesting.

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