

SMITH STEPHEN P  
Form 4  
October 18, 2005

**FORM 4**

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

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SMITH STEPHEN P

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
NATURAL RESOURCE  
PARTNERS LP [NRP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/18/2005

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

COLUMBUS, OH 43215

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	10/18/2005		M		1,358	A	<u>(2)</u> 1,358
Common Units <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	10/18/2005		D		1,358	D <u>(3)</u>	\$ 61.23 0 <u>(2)</u>

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SMITH STEPHEN P 1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA COLUMBUS, OH 43215	X

## Signatures

Stephen P Smith 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.
- (4)

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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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