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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**

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (<i>Last, First, Middle</i>) Leer, Steven F. <hr/>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>) See note (1) <hr/>	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (<i>voluntary</i>) ----- <hr/>				
CityPlace One, Suite 300 <hr/> (Street) St. Louis, MO 63141 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P.; NRP <hr/>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (<i>Check All Applicable</i>) <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (<i>give title below</i>)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify below</i>)</td> </tr> </table> <hr/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (<i>give title below</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify below</i>)
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	6. If Amendment, Date of Original (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>) ----- <hr/>	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (<i>Check Applicable Line</i>) <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</td> </tr> </table> <hr/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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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 (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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No securities held

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Table II Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exer- cisable	Expi- ration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) This Form 3 is being filed in anticipation of the effectiveness of Natural Resource Partners L.P.'s Registration Statement on Form 8-A, which was filed on September 27, 2002 (File No. 001-31465).

/s/ STEVEN F. LEER

10/8/2002

 **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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.