

LEER STEVEN F  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 4**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

**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**

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| <p><b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i></p> <p>Leer, Steven F.</p>  | <p><b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b></p> <p>Natural Resource Partners L.P.; NRP</p>  | <p><b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i></p> <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>City Place One, Suite 300</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>St. Louis, MO 63141</p> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>   | <p><b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b></p> <p>10/21/02</p>   | <p><b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p> <p>N/A</p>                            |
| <p><b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director    <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> | <p><b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |   |

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

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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<br><i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br><i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br><i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 4. Transaction Code<br><i>(Instr. 8)</i> |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br><i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> |     |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|-----|
|  |  |  |  | Code                                     | V | (A)  | (D) |
| Common Unit Options (right to buy)(1)                | 19,325   | 10/18/02                                       |  | A  | V | 10,000   |     |

