

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR

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)  
 601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Units					40,000	D	
Common Units	12/15/2008		J	129,328 A (4)	129,328	I	By Western Bridgeport, Inc. (4)
Common Units					139,060	I	As Trustee of the William K. Robertson 1993 Management Trust (1)

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Common Units	31,540	I	By Spouse
Common Units	17,279,860	I	By Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Units	670,024	I	By New Gauley Coal Corporation <u><sup>(3)</sup></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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR 601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X	X	Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Corbin J.  
Robertson, Jr. 12/17/2008

\*\*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) Mr. Robertson is the trustee of the William K. Robertson 1993 Management Trust. Mr. Robertson's son is the beneficiary of these trusts. Mr. Robertson disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.  
  
These units are beneficially owned by Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership, whose general partner is Western Pocahontas Corporation, a corporation controlled by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Robertson also holds indirect limited partner interests in Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership. All the common units owned by Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership are reported on this line. Mr. Robertson disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) These units are beneficially owned by New Gauley Coal Corporation, a corporation controlled by Mr. Robertson. All the common units owned by New Gauley Coal Corporation are reported on this line. Mr. Robertson disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Western Bridgeport, Inc. acquired these units as a result of a distribution of units out of Great Northern Properties Limited Partnership, in which Western Bridgeport, Inc. is a minority limited partner. Mr. Robertson is the controlling partner of Western Bridgeport, Inc. Mr. Robertson disclaims beneficial ownership of the units held by Western Bridgeport, Inc., except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (4)

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