

WALL KEVIN F
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 WALL KEVIN F

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)
 5260 IRWIN ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP-Operations

HUNTINGTON, WV 25705

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

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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Units <u>(1)</u>	02/14/2009		M	5,000 A <u>(1)</u>	6,500	D	
Common Units <u>(1)</u>	02/14/2009		D	5,000 D \$ 22.81 <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	
Common Units					500	I	By Brittany Wall, Daughter <u>(2)</u>
					500	I	

Common
Units

By
Brandon
Wall, Son
(2)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Units <u>(3)</u>	<u>(5)</u> <u>(6)</u>	02/12/2009		A	8,000	02/12/2013 02/12/2013	Common Units	8,000			
Phantom Units <u>(3)</u>	<u>(5)</u> <u>(6)</u>					02/22/2012 02/12/2012	Common Units	7,000			
Phantom Units <u>(3)</u>	<u>(5)</u>					02/13/2011 02/13/2011	Common Units	6,000			
Phantom Units <u>(3)</u>	<u>(5)</u>					02/13/2010 02/13/2010	Common Units	5,200			
Phantom Units <u>(3)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	02/14/2009		M	5,000	02/14/2009 02/14/2009	Common Units	5,000			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WALL KEVIN F 5260 IRWIN ROAD HUNTINGTON, WV 25705			Executive VP-Operations	

Signatures

Kevin F. Wall

02/17/2009

**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).
The common units were deemed to have been purchased and sold on the date of vesting of the phantom units listed in Table II, which
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) Mr. Wall disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
 - (3) The phantom units were originally granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long term incentive plan.
 - (4) As described in Footnote 1, 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.
 - (5) 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.
 - (6) Award includes tandem distribution equivalent rights pursuant to which the quarterly distributions paid by the partnership on each unit will be accrued over the vesting period and paid on vesting.

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