

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 8-K

November 10, 2005

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

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): November 9, 2005**

**NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**001-31465**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**35-2164875**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**601 Jefferson, Suite 3600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**77002**  
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 751-7507**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation.**

On November 9, 2005, NRP (Operating) LLC entered into an amendment to its 5-year, \$175 million revolving credit facility with Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC as joint lead arrangers. The amendment extends the term of the credit facility by one year to 2010 with two separate options to extend for one additional year each. The amendment also lowers the borrowing costs and commitment fees.

Indebtedness under the amended revolving credit facility bears interest, at our option, at either:

the higher of the federal funds rate plus an applicable margin ranging from 0.00% to 1.00% or the prime rate as announced by the agent bank; or

at a rate equal to LIBOR plus an applicable margin ranging from 0.75% to 2.00%.

We incur a commitment fee on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility at a rate ranging from 0.15% to 0.40% per annum.

Some of the lenders and their affiliates have performed investment banking, financial advisory and other commercial services for us in the ordinary course of business from time to time for which they have received customary fees and expenses.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**(c) Exhibits**

10.1 First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2005.

99.1 Natural Resource Partners L.P. press release dated as of November 10, 2005.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P.**  
(Registrant)

By: NRP (GP) LP  
its General Partner

By: GP Natural Resource Partners LLC  
its General Partner

/s/ Wyatt L. Hogan

Wyatt L. Hogan  
Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: November 10, 2005

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