

MORIAN S REED  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
MORIAN S REED

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)  
01/23/2013

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

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)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Units <sup>(1)</sup>	01/23/2013		J	403,688	A	\$ 19.8173 <sup>(1)</sup>	3,448,625	I	By Shadder Investments
Common Units							2,091,991	D	
Common Units							600,972	I	By MOCOL Properties, L.P.

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>					Date Exercisable: 02/26/2013 Expiration Date: 02/26/2013	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 3,375
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>					Date Exercisable: 02/11/2014 Expiration Date: 02/11/2014	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 3,475
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>					Date Exercisable: 02/10/2015 Expiration Date: 02/10/2015	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 3,580
Phantom Units <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>					Date Exercisable: 02/14/2016 Expiration Date: 02/14/2016	Common Units	Amount or Number of Shares: 3,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORIAN S REED 601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TX 77002		X		

## Signatures

S. Reed Morian                      01/23/2013  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) The common units were acquired in a private transaction and the purchase price was calculated based on the volume-weighted average closing price for the common units for the 15 trading days ended January 22, 2013.

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- (2) The phantom units were granted to the reporting person under the issuer's long-term incentive plan.
- (3) The phantom units will be paid in cash based on the average closing price of the common units for the 20 trading days immediately prior to the date of vesting.
- (4) 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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