

ROBERTSON CORBIN J JR  
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)  
07/28/2009

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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                    | 07/28/2009                           |  | J                              |   | 670,024   | <u>D</u><br>(1)  | <u>1</u>  | 0          | I | By New Gauley Coal Corporation (2)                       |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 31,540     | I | By Spouse  |
| Common Units                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 17,279,860 | I | By Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership (3) |

Common  
Units

127,884 I

By Western  
Bridgeport,  
Inc. <sup>(4)</sup>

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Corbin J.  
Robertson, Jr. 07/30/2009

         \*\*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).
- (1) Mr. Robertson has transferred substantially all of his interests in New Gauley Coal Corporation to various trusts for the benefit of his grandchildren. Because the terms of the trusts dictate that Mr. Robertson no longer has voting or investment power over the shares of New Gauley transferred to the trusts, he no longer controls New Gauley Coal Corporation, and thus does not claim the NRP common units held by New Gauley. New Gauley continues to own the 670,024 common units.

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- (2) These units continue to be owned by New Gauley Coal Corporation, a corporation previously controlled by Mr. Robertson prior to the transfers indicated in Footnote 1.

- 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.

- (4) These units are beneficially owned by Western Bridgeport, Inc., a corporation controlled by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Robertson disclaims beneficial ownership of the units held by Western Bridgeport, Inc., except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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