

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

Form 4

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 4**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>  Arch Coal, Inc.  <hr/>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NRP)  <hr/>	<b>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity</b> <i>(Voluntary)</i>  43-0921172  <hr/>
CityPlace One, Suite 300  <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></p> St. Louis, MO 63141  <hr/> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<b>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</b>  10/21/02  <hr/>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original</b> <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>  <hr/>
(Street)	<b>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> <i>(Check All Applicable)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i>  <hr/>	<b>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 Transactions(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	10/17/02		J (1)		4,796,920	A	(1)	4,796,920	I	By Ark Land Company
Common Units	10/17/02		S (1)		1,901,250	D	18.625 (1)	2,895,670	I	By Ark Land Company
Subordinated Units	10/17/02		J (1)		4,796,920	A	(1)	4,796,920	I	By Ark Land Company

**Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
*(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)*

1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>
				Code V	(A) (D)
Common Unit Options (right to buy)	19.325	10/18/02		J (3) V	10,000



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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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