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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**

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

**Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any. <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	
			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



