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Form 8-K

January 23, 2003

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): JANUARY 21, 2003

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On January 22, 2003, Natural Resource Partners L.P. issued a press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to, and incorporated by reference in, this Form 8-K. The press release relates to the company's declaration of its initial quarterly distribution and the appointment of Robert T. Blakely as a member of the Board of Directors of GP Natural Resource Partners LLC, the company's general partner.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued January 22, 2003

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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/ Charles H. Kerr

Charles H. Kerr
Secretary

Dated: January 23, 2003

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