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July 01, 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): JUNE 30, 2003

NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 001-31465 35-2164875 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization) Number) Identification No.)

601 JEFFERSON, SUITE 3600 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 751-7507

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On June 20, 2003, Natural Resource Partners L.P. (NYSE: NRP) agreed to acquire approximately 78 million tons of proven coal reserves and an overriding royalty interest on additional coal from subsidiaries of PinnOak Resources, LLC for \$58 million. The transaction is expected to close in mid-July.

NRP has filed the press release announcing the agreement as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated July 1, 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/ Wyatt L. Hogan

Wyatt L. Hogan

Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: July 1, 2003

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