

ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2015

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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): **April 23, 2015**

**ALLIANCE RESOURCE PARTNERS, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**Commission**  
File No.: 0-26823

**73-1564280**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1717 South Boulder Avenue, Suite 400, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(918) 295-7600**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02**                      **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 24, 2015, Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. (the Partnership ) announced that Michael J. Hall has retired as a director of Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC ( MGP ), the managing general partner of the Partnership, Nick Carter was elected as a director of MGP on April 23, 2015, and Wilson M. (Mack) Torrence was elected Chairman of the Audit Committee of MGP s Board of Directors. Mr. Carter will serve on the Board of Directors Audit, Conflicts and Compensation Committees.

**ITEM 9.01**                      **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d)**                      **Exhibits**

99.1                      Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. press release dated as of April 24, 2015.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.**

By: Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC,  
its managing general partner

By: /s/ Joseph W. Craft III  
Joseph W. Craft III  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 24, 2015