ALPINE CAPITAL LP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALPINE CAPITAL LP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MESA ROYALTY TRUST/TX [MTR]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

201 MAIN ST STE 3100,

12/10/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

below)

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(Zip) 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. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | d (A) o |)) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(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 | (D) | Price | (Ilisti. 3 alid 4) | | |
| Units of Beneficial Interest | 12/10/2004 | | S | 1,500 (1) | D | \$ 68 | 224,616 | D (1) (2) | |
| Units of Beneficial Interest | 12/13/2004 | | S | 350 (1) | D | \$ 68 | 224,266 | D (1) (2) | |

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

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$\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 5 | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | int of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| ALPINE CAPITAL LP 201 MAIN ST STE 3100 FORT WORTH, TX 76102 | | X | | | | | |
| ALGENPAR INC 201 MAIN ST STE 3100 FORT WORTH, TX 76102 | | X | | | | | |
| CRANDALL J TAYLOR 2775 SAND HILL RD SUITE 220 MENLO PARK, CA 94025 | | X | | | | | |
| BRUCE ROBERT W III 201 MAIN STREET STE 2500 FORT WORTH TX 76102 | | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Robert W. Bruce III, Manager - Alpine Capital, L.P. | 12/14/2004 | | |
|--|------------|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| /s/ J. Taylor Crandall, Algenpar, Inc. | 12/14/2004 | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| /s/ Robert W. Bruce III | 12/14/2004 | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| /s/ J. Taylor Crandall | 12/14/2004 | | |
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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- J. Taylor Crandall ("Crandall") is the President and sole stockholder of Algenpar, Inc., a Texas corporation ("Algenpar"), which is one of (1) two general partners of Alpine Capital, L.P., a Texas limited partnership ("Alpine"), which is the direct beneficial owner of certain of the securities reported herein. Robert W. Bruce III ("Bruce") is the other general partner of Alpine.
 - Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), Crandall, Algenpar and Bruce are deemed to be beneficial owners of the shares beneficially owned by Alpine only to the extent of the greater of his or its respective direct
- (2) or indirect interest in the profits or capital account of Alpine. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Act, this filing shall not be deemed an admission that Bruce, Crandall or Algenpar is, for purposes of Section 16 or the Act or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities owned by Alpine in excess of such amount.

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