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## Section 1: 8-K (8-K)

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**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): **February 1, 2019**

**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**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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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 February 1, 2019, Robert J. Fouch, age 61, was appointed Chief Accounting Officer for Alliance Resource Management GP, LLC ("MGP"), the general partner of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. ("ARLP") and will serve as MGP's principal accounting officer. Since August 2006, Mr. Fouch has served as Vice President and Controller for MGP. Mr. Fouch also served as Vice President and Controller of the general partner of Alliance Holdings GP, L.P. ("AHGP") since its inception (AHGP was a publicly traded master limited partnership from 2006 until completion of ARLP's simplification transactions in 2018). Prior to his current position, from 1999 to 2006, Mr. Fouch served as Assistant Controller for MGP from its formation. Mr. Fouch joined ARLP's predecessor, MAPCO Inc. in 1981 and held a variety of accounting positions of increasing responsibility. He worked for the audit firm of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells prior to joining MAPCO. He is a certified public accountant and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Oral Roberts University.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

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

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

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

Date: February 7, 2019