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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT  
COMPANY

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT FILE NUMBER: 811-22072

NAME OF REGISTRANT: The Cushing MLP Total Return  
Fund

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 8117 Preston Road, Suite  
440,  
Dallas, TX 75225

NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE: Cushing MLP Asset Management, LP  
8117 Preston Road, Suite  
440,  
Dallas, TX 75225

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: 214-692-6334

DATE OF FISCAL YEAR END: 11/30

DATE OF REPORTING PERIOD: 07/01/2012 - 06/30/2013

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BREITBURN ENERGY PARTNERS L.P.

Agen

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Security: 106776107  
Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 19-Jun-2013  
Ticker: BBEP  
ISIN: US1067761072  
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| Prop.# | Proposal   | Proposal Type | Proposal Vote      |
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| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>HALBERT S. WASHBURN<br>CHARLES S. WEISS  | Mgmt<br>Mgmt  | No vote<br>No vote |
| 2.     | RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF<br>PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE<br>INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING<br>FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013. | Mgmt          | No vote            |

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 BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P. Agen

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 Security: 118230101  
 Meeting Type: Annual  
 Meeting Date: 04-Jun-2013  
 Ticker: BPL  
 ISIN: US1182301010  
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| Prop.# | Proposal  | Proposal Type        | Proposal Vote     |
|--------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>OLIVER G. RICHARD, III<br>CLARK C. SMITH<br>FRANK S. SOWINSKI   | Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt | For<br>For<br>For |
| 2.     | THE APPROVAL OF THE BUCKEYE PARTNERS, L.P.<br>2013 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN.  | Mgmt                 | For               |
| 3.     | THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF<br>DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS BUCKEYE PARTNERS,<br>L.P.'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC<br>ACCOUNTANTS FOR 2013. | Mgmt                 | For               |

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 CAPITAL PRODUCT PARTNERS L.P. Agen

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 Security: Y11082107  
 Meeting Type: Annual  
 Meeting Date: 23-Jul-2012  
 Ticker: CPLP  
 ISIN: MHY110821078  
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| Prop.# | Proposal  | Proposal Type | Proposal Vote      |
|--------|---|---------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>ABEL RASTERHOFF<br>D.P. CHRISTACOPOULOS | Mgmt<br>Mgmt  | No vote<br>No vote |

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 CROSSTEX ENERGY, L.P. Agen

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 Security: 22765U102  
 Meeting Type: Special  
 Meeting Date: 09-May-2013  
 Ticker: XTEX  
 ISIN: US22765U1025  
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| 1.     | PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CROSSTEX ENERGY GP, LLC LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN (INCLUDING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMMON UNITS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUANCE THEREUNDER). | Mgmt          | For           |

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LEGACY RESERVES LP

Agen

Security: 524707304  
Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 14-May-2013  
Ticker: LGCY  
ISIN: US5247073043

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| Prop.# | Proposal   | Proposal Type  | Proposal Vote                                 |
|--------|--|--|---|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>CARY D. BROWN<br>KYLE A. MCGRAW<br>DALE A. BROWN<br>G. LARRY LAWRENCE<br>WILLIAM D. SULLIVAN<br>WILLIAM R. GRANBERRY<br>KYLE D. VANN   | Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt | For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For |
| 2.     | RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO USA, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013. | Mgmt   | For   |

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MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, L.P.

Agen

Security: 559080106  
Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 25-Apr-2013  
Ticker: MMP  
ISIN: US5590801065

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| Prop.# | Proposal  | Proposal Type | Proposal Vote |
|--------|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>WALTER R. ARNHEIM<br>PATRICK C. EILERS    | Mgmt<br>Mgmt  | For<br>For    |
| 2.     | ADVISORY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION | Mgmt          | For           |

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| 3. | RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR | Mgmt | For |
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MARKWEST ENERGY PARTNERS LP Agen

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Security: 570759100  
Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 29-May-2013  
Ticker: MWE  
ISIN: US5707591005

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| Prop.# | Proposal   | Proposal Type  | Proposal Vote   |
|--------|--|--|---|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>FRANK M. SEMPLE<br>DONALD D. WOLF<br>KEITH E. BAILEY<br>MICHAEL L. BEATTY<br>CHARLES K. DEMPSTER<br>DONALD C. HEPPERMANN<br>RANDALL J. LARSON<br>ANNE E. FOX MOUNSEY<br>WILLIAM P. NICOLETTI | Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt | For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For<br>For |
| 2.     | RATIFICATION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE PARTNERSHIP'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.   | Mgmt   | For   |

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NUSTAR GP HOLDINGS, LLC Agen

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Security: 67059L102  
Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 24-Apr-2013  
Ticker: NSH  
ISIN: US67059L1026

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| Prop.# | Proposal   | Proposal Type | Proposal Vote |
|--------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>WILLIAM E. GREEHEY<br>JELYNNE LEBLANC-BURLEY   | Mgmt<br>Mgmt  | For<br>For    |
| 2.     | RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS NUSTAR GP HOLDINGS, LLC'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2013. | Mgmt          | For           |

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PVR PARTNERS, L.P.

Agen

Security: 693665101  
 Meeting Type: Annual  
 Meeting Date: 05-Jun-2013  
 Ticker: PVR  
 ISIN: US6936651016

| Prop.# | Proposal   | Proposal Type | Proposal Vote |
|--------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1.     | DIRECTOR<br>ROBERT J. HALL<br>MARSHA R. PERELMAN   | Mgmt<br>Mgmt  | For<br>For    |
| 2.     | TO APPROVE THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION<br>APPROVING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION   | Mgmt          | For           |
| 3.     | TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS<br>THE PARTNERSHIP'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED<br>PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE 2013 FISCAL<br>YEAR | Mgmt          | For           |

TARGA RESOURCES CORP.

Agen

Security: 87612G101  
 Meeting Type: Annual  
 Meeting Date: 20-May-2013  
 Ticker: TRGP  
 ISIN: US87612G1013

| Prop.# | Proposal  | Proposal Type        | Proposal Vote     |
|--------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1      | DIRECTOR<br>RENE R. JOYCE<br>PETER R. KAGAN<br>CHRIS TONG | Mgmt<br>Mgmt<br>Mgmt | For<br>For<br>For |
| 2      | RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT<br>AUDITORS.     | Mgmt                 | For               |

\* Management position unknown

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the

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undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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| (Registrant)   | The Cushing MLP Total Return Fund |
| By (Signature) | /s/ Daniel L. Spears              |
| Name           | Daniel L. Spears                  |
| Title          | President                         |
| Date           | 08/26/2013                        |