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May 18, 2012

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Sir or Madame,

Forest River, Inc. has decided that there is a defect that pertains to motor vehicle safety and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance.

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Jim Treadwell Warranty and Service Manager, Rialto, California Division is the contact for information on this recall. Telephone: 909-873-3777, Fax 909-421-3442, Email: [jtreadwell@forestriverinc.com](mailto:jtreadwell@forestriverinc.com).

This report is prepared by William G. Conway Jr. Chief Corporate Engineer.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Conway Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William G. Conway  
Forest River, Inc.

Identify the Vehicles involved in the recall;

Makes: Stealth Model years 2010, 2011 Models: CFSTFSC2812, CFSFSA3516 and CFSFCR3716

Production dates: Beginning: 11/2009 ending 11/2011.

Vehicle Type:

Recreational Trailer.

Body Style:

Travel Trailer and Fifth Wheel

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicle from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

They are specific model numbers as mentioned above.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. 100%.

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

CFSTFSC2812-22 units, CFSFSA3516– 22 units and CFSFCR3716 – 13 units.

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: less than 10% Wildcat vehicles produced.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined:

These units were all introduced as 2010 product as specific models. Units are categorized in our Corporate Computer System by model. All invoicing to dealers, VIN numbers, serial numbers and warranty retail information can be cross referenced to these models. It is a simple matter of requesting all information for a specific model number; this is processed as a spread sheet with all the pertinent information.

Describe the defect and noncompliance.

The information for the models Federal Certification Label and Tire Information label has an incorrect Gross Vehicle Weight Rating; therefore the Cargo Carrying capacity is incorrect.

Describe the consequences of the defect or noncompliance:

The unit may be overloaded, resulting in axle or tire failure and loss of control resulting in property damage, personal injury and death.

Identify any warning that can precede or occur:

If the trailer is overloaded, the axle camber will reverse, the suspension will be flat to reversed arc and tires will wear very rapidly.

With respect to a defect a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that are the basis for the determination of the defect:

While preparing a newly manufactured unit for shipment a Quality Control Auditor noticed that the GVWR on the Federal Certification Label was inconsistent with the rating on the trailer coupler and the fifth wheel hitch head.

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance.

The information has been corrected in the corporate computer system. New labels with the proper GVWR will be sent to the retail owners and dealers of record. They will be instructed to either remove the existing label and destroy it or place the new label over the old label.