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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
Subject: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Northwood Manufacturing is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in which we are voluntarily initiating a recall campaign. Specific Information is listed below:

1. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. Listed are the product brands manufactured by Northwood included in the recall.

2013 Arctic Fox 5th Wheel
29-5K
VIN Range(s): 37764; 37997 to 38016 Total: 21

2013 Arctic Fox 5th Wheel
29-5T
VIN Range(s): 39152 to 39158; 39160 to 39171 Total: 19

2013 Desert Fox Toy Hauler
29SB
VIN Range(s): 37601; 37785 to 37800; 37989 to 37996; 38447 to 38454; 38745 to 38754;
39037; 39040; 39042 to 39043 Total: 47

2013 Fox Mountain 5th Wheel
235RLS
VIN Range(s): 39392 to 39398; 39400 to 39408; 39410; 39412 to 39415; 39417 to 39418;
39421; 39423; 39426 Total 26

2013 Fox Mountain 5th Wheel
285RLS
VIN Range(s): 38755; 38925; 39076 to 39078; 39080 to 39095 Total 21

2013 Snow River Travel Trailer
266RDS
VIN Range(s): 39310 to 39322; 39324 to 39325; 39327 to 39329 Total 18

Northwood is recalling 100 % of the 152 affected Travel trailers listed in the scope.

2. Description of Defect.

Northwood Manufacturing has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2013 Arctic Fox 5th wheels, Desert Fox Toy Haulers, Fox Mountain 5th wheels and Snow River Travel Trailers. On the vehicles subject to this recall, the Federal Identification Label, Tire And Axle Information Label and/or the Trailer Weight Information Label do not contain the correct Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and/or the correct Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and/or the correct Net Carrying Capacity (NCC) information (please note that NCC will be different on each model based off of its unique Unloaded Vehicle Weight).

The actual GAWR on the Desert Fox 29SB is 6,000lbs and is listed at 7,000lbs on the labels and the actual GVWR is 13,400lbs and is listed at 14,000lbs on the labels.

The actual GAWR on the Fox Mountain 235RLS is 5,080lbs and is listed as 5,200lbs on the labels and the actual GVWR is 11,500lbs and is listed at 11,600lbs on the labels.

The actual GAWR on the Fox Mountain 285RLS is 5,080lbs and is listed at 5,200lbs on the labels and the GVWR is 11,600lbs and is listed at 11,700lbs on the labels.

The actual GAWR on the Snow River 266RDS is 5,080lbs and is listed at 5,200lbs on the labels.

Towing a vehicle with the axles loaded beyond the specified weight rating may result in axle failure leading to poor vehicle handling and an increased risk of an accident.

3. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists.

The defect was discovered by a customer complaint to NHTSA and a subsequent review by Northwood Manufacturing of the listed specification, in which it was determined that the GAWR and GVWR were listed incorrectly.

4. Remedy for Defect.

The remedy is to replace the Federal Certification Label, Tire and Loading Information label and Trailer Weight Information label on each vehicle with ones that have the correct GAWR, GVWR and NCC listed for each.

5. Owner Notification.

An owner notification letter will be forwarded for approval. The notifications will begin shortly after approval.

6. Quarterly Reporting Requirements.

Northwood will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall.

7. Campaign Number.

Northwood's identification number in connection with this recall is 2013-001.

If you need additional information regarding Northwood's participation in this recall please feel free to contact Matt Turley at 541-962-6274 ext 5833.

Respectfully,
Matt Turley
Northwood Manufacturing, LLC