



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215KS  
14V-442

**Subject:** Pipe Damage Due To Axle Suspension

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FOREST RIVER/F33-CKTS/2013-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 16, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-442

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 302

**Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 F33-CKTS fifth wheels, equipped with I.D. black iron pipe for the L.P. system. The affected vehicles may experience the pipe being damaged or punctured due to the spring action of the axle suspension.

**Consequence:**

If the iron pipe becomes damaged due to the spring action of the axle suspension, it could potentially cause a vehicle fire.

**Remedy:**

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will install a replacement kit, part number 32096, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-219-533-5934. Forest River's number for this recall is FR430-14-1.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible. OR As required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement