



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 28, 2008

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Nottawa, MI [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10216067

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 30, 2007, concerning your 2003 Forest River Cedar Creek travel trailer. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on January 16, 2008.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. A review of our database relative to problems associated with leaking slide-out seals revealed no reports of problems similar to that which you encountered; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. A brochure explaining the investigation process is enclosed for your information; or you may visit our website at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallprocess.cfm>. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

We sympathize with you concerning the service problems you reported; however, this does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the Michigan Office of the Attorney General regarding your problems.



The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways you can contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being the most prominent.

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
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Enclosure:

Motor Vehicle Defects and Recall Campaigns brochure