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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-547

Subject: LP GAS MANIFOLD/CRUSHED/FIRE

Dear MR. CONWAY:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FOREST RIVER/LEXINGTON/2006
FOREST RIVER/LEXINGTON GT/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-547

Mfg's Report Date: October 24, 2005

Components: EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG LINES AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 199

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CLASS B MOTOR HOMES, IF THE AXLE BOTTOMS OUT AGAINST THE RUBBER SUSPENSION SNUBBERS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE "U" BOLTS THAT HOLD THE SPRINGS TO THE REAR AXLE CAN PENETRATE THE STEEL TUBE AND COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE STEEL LIQUID PROPANE (LP) MANIFOLD.

Consequence:

THE TUBE MAY BE CRUSHED CAUSING A CRACK IN THE TUBE, AND LP GAS MAY LEAK CAUSING A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE MANIFOLD AND INSTALL IT INSIDE THE CHASSIS RAIL AWAY FROM THE SUSPENSION SYSTEM ENTIRELY. DEALERS AND OWNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED NOT TO USE THEIR VEHICLES UNTIL THE REPAIRS CAN BE MADE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FOREST RIVER AT 1-574-389-4600.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

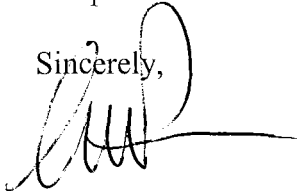
The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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 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).

Please provide the date and a copy of the warning that was sent to dealers and owners advising them not to use the LP system in their vehicles until repaired.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement