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September 21, 2005

Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Administration for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On September 15, 2005, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., decided that a safety defect exists in Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers as listed below, and is furnishing this notification in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on September 21, 2005.
 - Fleetwood has assigned 50825 as an identification code to this recall.
- (1) The affected Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of California, Inc. #15
145 S. Larch Ave., P.O. Box 810
Rialto, California 92377-0810

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Oregon, Inc. #23
4640 NW McKennon Road, P.O. Box 1247
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

The agency should contact the following person with respect to this recall:

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- (2) The vehicles involved in this recall are 2004 and 2005 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers manufactured from February 7, 2003 through March 29, 2005. The March 29, 2005 date coincides with the correct installation of the propane gas pipe.

These Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers were built with a Fleetwood identification number range of 1ED5L252841591574 through 1EA5R252751501960, 1EA5R292242306657 through 1EA5R292542306796 and 1ED5R252242307283 through 1EC5R252242307322.

- (3) Fleetwood reports 180 as an approximate number of Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers containing the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 90% of the above Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers contain the safety defect.
- (5) On Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers affected by this recall a propane gas pipe can be pinched during slide out room operation. This could lead to a propane gas leak and the potential for an explosion and/or fire. (Fleetwood notes that all affected Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers are equipped with a propane gas detector designed to sound an audible warning when propane gas is detected in the Fifth Wheel Travel Trailer).
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood began an investigation in August, 2005 when a dealer reported the condition to a Fleetwood Technical Advisor.

Fleetwood is not aware of any accidents or injuries that have resulted from this safety defect.

- (8) Fleetwood will inspect and as necessary reroute the propane gas line.
Fleetwood will perform this modification at no charge to the customer.
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on October 3, 2005.
Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on October 10, 2005.

Fleetwood does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.

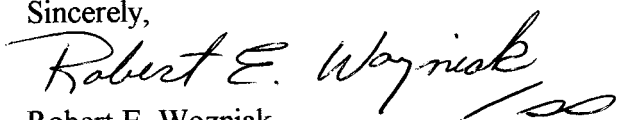
- (10) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:

- I) Letter of dealer notification
- II) Letter of customer notification
- III) Recall service bulletin

Drafts of the service bulletin and letters to dealers and owners will be forthcoming for your review.

If additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Wozniak
Director of Engineering and Product Compliance
Recreational Vehicle Group