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November 14, 2006

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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator, Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW, Room No. 5321
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is written to notify the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., is aware of the voluntary initiation of a recall notification campaign affecting Fleetwood produced recreational vehicles as listed below:

Conventional Travel Trailers

<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Manufacture Date</u>
2007	Wilderness Scout	6/19/06
2007	Prowler Classic	6/19/06
2007	Terry Resort	6/19/06 - 6/20/06
2007	Pioneer	6/20/06 - 6/22/06

This voluntary recall campaign is being conducted by:

Lippert Components, Inc.
Operations Corporate Office
2766 College Avenue
Goshen, Indiana 46528

Telephone: 574-535-2085 Fax: 574-535-2091

This voluntary recall campaign involves approximately 59 Fleetwood conventional travel trailers manufactured with Lippert chassis.

Fleetwood estimates that 0% of the above conventional travel trailers contain the safety defect. This is based on the Part 573 Safety Defect Report that Lippert Components Inc., provided to Fleetwood on November 13, 2006 and also submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on November 13, 2006.

The reason for the recall is that a potential for a spindle weld axle failure, without warning, may exist.

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Fleetwood has no reason to disagree with this action or the recall remedy. Fleetwood is relying on Lippert Components, Inc. and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to monitor campaign performance.
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Sincerely,



Craig Biazo
Director of Service
Travel Trailer Division

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Executive VP and COO
Lippert Components, Inc.

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Mr. Craig Biazo
Director of Services
Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
3030 Myers Street
Riverside, CA 92513-7638

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Dear Mr. Biazo:

The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of defect notice 06E-095. This notice was filed by Lippert Components Inc. (LCI) involving axle assemblies. The weld joining the axle tube to the spindle was mislocated, most likely due to a marked increase in daily production volumes or the Genesis Welder No. 3 at LCI's manufacturing plant. A copy of that defect notice is enclosed.

According to information provided by LCI, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. (Fleetwood) was identified as a manufacturer who purchased and/or was supplied some of these axle assemblies, and may have been notified by LCI about the safety defect. The purpose of this request is to ascertain the disposition of the axle assemblies that were acquired by LCI and to identify any subsequent purchaser of Fleetwood's products that may be motor vehicle manufacturers or whose products may have been supplied for inclusion in a new motor vehicle.

Federal Regulation 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, requires that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or replacement equipment furnish a report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about each defect in its products that it



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decide is related to motor vehicle safety or that fail to conform to a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. In the case of a defect or noncompliance decided to exist in original equipment installed in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer, compliance with Part 573.6 is required of the equipment manufacturer as to the equipment item, and of each vehicle manufacturer as to the vehicles in which the equipment has been installed. As of this date, we have not received notification of the above-described defect from Fleetwood.

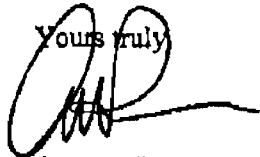
If Fleetwood does not agree with the decision made by LCI that the equipment contains a safety defect and could have been installed in Fleetwood products, please provide an explanation for Fleetwood's position. If Fleetwood has not received any of the defective equipment, please state so. If Fleetwood is not a vehicle manufacturer, please state the nature of its business and its relationship with LCI. If Fleetwood resold any of the axle assemblies to others, than please identify the purchaser by name, date, and quantity of Fleetwood's products that contain LCI equipment.

This letter is being sent to Fleetwood pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. It constitutes a new request for information. Fleetwood's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject Fleetwood to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C §30163. If Fleetwood believes that it should file a Defect and Noncompliance Report, a guide is enclosed to assist you.

Fleetwood's response, in writing must be submitted to RMD by **December 8, 2006**, referencing EQ06-018, either by FAX, e-mail or any other method, which enables Fleetwood to verify promptly that it was in fact received by RMD and the date it was received.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Barbara E. Cooke of my staff immediately at (202) 366-6098, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, Bcooke@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Yours truly



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division