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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590



Dear Sir or Ma'am,

Enclosed is an initial report on a potential safety defect on Columbia Northwest, Inc. camping trailers sold under the Aliner model name, in the cooking stove.

Questions regarding this matter should be sent directly to me at the contact information on this letter.

Thank you,

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Potential Defect Information Report

Columbia Northwest, Inc., the manufacturer, is submitting this Initial Notice of Potential Safety Defect. The following information outlines the manufacturer's current knowledge of the potential defect.

Affected Make/Model

Columbia Northwest, Inc./Aliner Classic and Aliner ST-1 campers

Model Years

2009 to 2010 with manufacturing dates from January 2009 to August 2009

Summary

Columbia Northwest is recalling Aliner Classics and Aliner ST-1 (combined) due to a potential fire hazard in the "In-Out 2-Burner Stove." The total size of the recall is 102 units. Under extended use a propane hose fitting may fail causing fire in the stove housing and subsequent melting of the housing. The identified population of units are the only units that contained "In-Out 2-Burner Stove."

The possible failure is not present in all 102 Aliner models. Columbia Northwest, Inc. estimates that approximately 60% of the recall pool is faulty. Consumers can quickly identify if a In-Out 2-Burner Stove is faulty, in the following manner.

On the side of the plastic housing there is a rubber hose.

If this hose enters into the plastic stand, the unit is faulty.

If this hose does not enter the stand, but instead fits a brass fitting on the plastic stand, the unit is not faulty and does not need to be corrected.

Remedy

Columbia Northwest will notify owners and dealers of the possible failure and provide method for identification of fault. Fault will be remedied by either replacement of the entire portable In-Out 2-Burner Stove or by replacement of internal component.

The Safety Recall will begin immediately and is expected to be completed in 90 days.