



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

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MR. WILLIAM G. CONWAY JR.
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NVS-215dgl
10V-648

SUBJECT: WHEEL/MIS-ALIGNED WELDS/TREDIT

DEAR MR. CONWAY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FOREST RIVER/CRUSADER/2011
FOREST RIVER/WORK AND PLAY TOY/2011
FOREST RIVER/RANCE/2011
FOREST RIVER/SURVEYOR/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-648

Mfg's Report Date: December 20, 2010

Components: WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 53

Summary:

FOREST RIVER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 SURVEYOR TRAVEL TRAILERS, CRUSADER FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS, RANCE ALUMINUM CARGO TRAILERS, AND WORK AND PLAY TOY HAULER TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH 15" X 6" WHITE SPOKE OR MODULAR DESIGN STEEL WHEELS WITH A SIX HOLE BOLT PATTERN. SOME OF THE WHEELS MAY HAVE INADEQUATE WELD PENETRATION BETWEEN THE OUTER RING AND THE CENTER PLATE DUE TO IMPROPER PLATE ALIGNMENT.

Consequence:

THERE COULD BE A POTENTIAL WHEEL FAILURE AND WHEEL LOSS INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH, OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE WHEELS ON THE SUSPECT VEHICLES AND REPAIR THE TRAILERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 201. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FOREST RIVER AT 574-389-4600.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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 report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

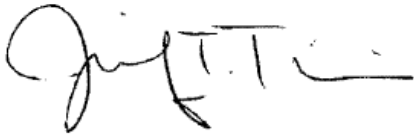
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement