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By Recall Management Division at 9:30 am, Aug 03, 2010

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Sir or Madame,

Forest River, Inc. has decided that there is a defect that pertains to motor vehicle safety and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance.

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William G. Conway Jr. Chief Corporate Engineer is the contact for information on this recall. Telephone: 574-534-6913, Fax 574-343-5967, Email: bconway@forestriverinc.com.

This report is prepared by William G. Conway Jr. Chief Corporate Engineer.

Regards,

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Identify the Vehicles involved in the recall;

Makes: Wildcat Model years 2011, Models: WCT30BHS, WCT29FKS and WCT29BHS
Production dates: Beginning: 01/2010 ending 07/22/2010.

Vehicle Type:
Recreational Trailer.

Body Style:
Travel Trailer

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicle from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

They are specific model numbers as mentioned above.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. 100%.

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

WCT29BHS-91 units, WCT29FKS – 26 units and WCT30BHS – 38 units.

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: less than 10% Wildcat vehicles produced.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined:

These units were all introduced as 2011 product. Units are categorized in our Corporate Computer System by model. All invoicing to dealers, VIN numbers, serial numbers and warranty retail information can be cross referenced to these models. It is a simple matter of requesting all information for a specific model number; this is processed as a spread sheet with all the pertinent information.

Describe the defect and noncompliance.

The information for the models Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, Gross Axle Weight Rating, Tires, Rims, Air Pressure was incorrectly inputted for the above mentioned models in the Corporate Computer System.

Describe the consequences of the defect or noncompliance:

The unit may be overloaded, resulting in axle failure and possible loss of control.

Identify any warning that can precede or occur: There may be a change in the tires from being perpendicular to the ground to leaning in at the top and out at the bottom.

With respect to a defect a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that are the basis for the determination of the defect:

While preparing a unit for shipment a Quality Control Auditor noticed that the GAWR on the Federal Certification Label was inconsistent with the rating band on the axle beam.

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance.

The information has been corrected in the corporate computer System. The test personnel that verify the prototype for compliance have been instructed to be sure that the label band on the axle beam is properly read and recorded.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly verses the recalled component/assembly.

The GAWR identification label on the axle beam does not match the GAWR stated on the Federal Certification Label or the Tire Information Label.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production.

The units in production and staged for shipment have had corrected labels printed and applied in place of the incorrect ones.

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers and purchasers.

New Labels will be printed and sent to the dealer or retail customer of record for installation on the unit upon receipt of a recall number from NHTSA, the required documents for this recall will be processed immediately.



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July 26, 2010

«RetailerFirstName»«RetailerLastName»
«RetailAddress»
«RetailCity»,«RetailState» «RetailZip»

RE: Safety Recall – tire & loading Information Label on VIN: «VIN»

Dear «RetailerLastName»,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety act.

Forest River, Inc. has decided that on Wildcat models WCT29BHS, WCT29FKS and WCT30BHS the Federal Compliance Label and the Tire and Loading Information Label located on the lower roadside front of the unit contain improper listing of the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and the Cargo Carrying Capacity (CCC). A over loading condition may result in axle failure without warning causing a crash possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Department we are required to make the necessary correction.

Enclosed are corrected labels. Please clean the area of the incorrect label with alcohol or a non-residue clearer and apply the corrected label over the top of it.

If it its more convenient you may make an appointment and take your trailer to your dealer and have him put on the labels at no charge to you.

If your dealer or service center is unable to make the repair please contact the Forest River, Inc. Wildcat Trailer Division Service and Warranty Department at P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart, IN 46515-3030 or telephone 574-206-7600 for a repair station near you.

If, after contacting your dealer, and the recall assistance service line, you believe Forest River, Inc. has failed or has been unable to remedy the noncompliance without charge or there has been an unreasonable delay in securing the remedy, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY:1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

In the event that this is a leased vehicle, Federal regulations require that any lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Sincerely,

Forest River, Inc.
Warranty and Service Department



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June 15, 2010

Dealer Name
Dealer Address
Dealer City, State and Zip Code

RE: Salem/Wildwood Trailer VIN: (VIN Number)

Dear Sir or Madame,

Forest River is sending this notice to you in accordance with the requirements of the National traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

We have decided that the following model units, WCT29BHS, WCT29FKS and WCT30BHS with the above VIN number that our records indicate that are at your place of business have improper Federal Compliance Labels and Tire Loading Information Labels. The Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) is designated as 5080 lbs and they are actually 3500 lb axles. This will affect the Gross Vehicle Weight rating (GVWR) and the Cargo Carrying Capacity (CCC) of the unit.

An overload condition may result as of the information on these labels that may result in axle failure without warning causing a crash, possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, we are required to make the necessary corrections and supply new labeling.

Enclosed are corrected labels by VIN number, Please remove the incorrect labels using heat to soften the adhesive, clean the area with alcohol or a non-residue cleaner and carefully place the new labels in the proper position.

If you have any questions please contact your Wildcat service and warranty representative for further instruction at 574-206-7600.

In the event that this unit has been sold or leased, Federal requirements require that the dealer or lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days of receiving the notification.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,
Forest River, Inc.