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February 2, 2011

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

VIA EMAIL

Dear Sir or Madam,

Forest River has revised the recall notification for the axle spring leaf from 209 units to 115 units.

The built unit starting with Salem VIN 4X4TSMV10BR399212 and Wildwood 4X4TWD610BR341314 has a redesigned spring package. The difference between the units in the recall and prior built units is the newer units used a leaf spring package. Prior units used a single leaf spring.

This change was made and then it was discovered that the bottom leaf would rotate under certain conditions.

If you have any questions contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Forest River Inc. is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. This is a revision to the original report dated January 14, 2011. Specific information is as follows;

**573.5(c)(2)**

Affected vehicles are Model Year 2010 and 2011 Salem Travel Trailer SMT8X14FK, SMT8X16DS, SMT8X16FK, SMT8X16FKSV, SMT8X18RB, SMT8X20RD and SMT8X20SV. Wildwood Travel Trailer WDT8X14FK, WDT8X16DS, WDT8X16FK, WDT8X16FKSV, WDT8X20RD and WST8X20SV manufactured between 9/25/2009 and 1/13/2011.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the company's manufacturing plant in Goshen, Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

**573.5(c)(3)**

A total of 115 are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) is as follows;

Salem Travel Trailer starting VIN of 4X4TSM611AR39212 and ending with 4X4TSM616BR399754 and Wildwood Travel Trailer starting 4X4WD614AR341314 and ending with 4X4WDV16BR341500.

**573.5(c)(4)**

Forest River is recalling 100 percent of the models identified in the scope.

**573.5(c)(5)**

Forest River has identified that the bottom leaf on the leaf springs may rotate out of position and make contact with the tire. This will cause the tire to blow out without warning and may cause loss of control resulting in property damage and personal injury or death.

**573.5(c)(6)**

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Forest River decided to conduct this recall following an internal investigation. Forest River is not aware of any injuries or accidents related to this issue.

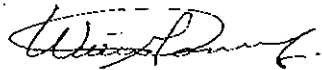
573.5(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected will involve placing 2 square bend "U" bolts with washers and nuts and a retaining plate that will be centered on the spring center bolt to restrain the lower spring leaf.

Copies of the repair instructions, dealer notification letters, and owner notification letters will be provided to the agency within 10 business days. Forest River is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification Forest River is prepared to begin dealer notification within 5 business days after approval, and 10 business days subsequent to dealer notification.

Thank you for your assistance,

Regards,



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