



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 24, 2012

Mr. ROD SNIDER  
ENGINEERING MANAGER  
FOREST RIVER, INC.  
SUNSEEKER/FORESTER/LEXINGTON DIVISION  
914 COUNTY ROAD 1  
ELKHART, IN 46514

NVS-215JN  
12V-458

**Subject:** LPG Fuel Line

Dear Mr. SNIDER:

This letter serves to acknowledge FOREST RIVER, INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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/FORESTER/2010-2013  
FOREST RIVER/LEXINGTON/2010-2013  
FOREST RIVER/SUNSEEKER/2010-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 17, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-458

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG LINES AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,585

**Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc., (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2010-2013 Sunseeker 2860, 3120, 3170, Forester 2861, 3121, 3171, and Lexington 283 Class C motorhomes, manufactured from August 18, 2009, through September 12, 2012. The liquid propane gas (LPG) fuel line that supplies fuel to appliances in the slide out, can become damaged.

**Consequence:**

A damaged LPG fuel line can lead to an explosion and/or fire, increasing the risk of injury or death.

**Remedy:**

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will repair the affected vehicles free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2012. Owners may contact Forest River at 1-574-295-8749.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

Please 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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at [joshua.neff@dot.gov](mailto:joshua.neff@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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