



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. DAVID PARTIN
HEARTLAND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, LLC
1001 ALL PRO DRIVE
ELKHART, IN 46514

NVS-215JN
12V-470

Subject: LP Hose May Contact Tire

Dear Mr. PARTIN:

This letter serves to acknowledge HEARTLAND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, LLC'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:

HEARTLAND/BIGHORN SILVERADO/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 25, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-470

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG LINES AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 68

Problem Description:

Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC, (Heartland) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Bighorn Silverado Fifth Wheel Travel trailers, manufactured from February 28, 2012, through August 28, 2012. The liquid propane (LP) hose and wire hanger that is mounted under the slide out can come in contact with the tire, causing damage to the LP hose and wiring.

Consequence:

A damaged LP hose can lead to an LP leak and fire, increasing the risk of injury or death.

Remedy:

Heartland 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 Heartland Recreational Vehicles at 1-888-262-5992.

Notes:

Heartland's number for this recall is 99-01-10. 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.

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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:

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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