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August 16, 2012

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

12V-412
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Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 13, 2012, Fleetwood RV, Inc., determined that a safety defect which relates to motor home vehicle safety exists in certain motor homes as listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on August 16, 2012
 - Fleetwood RV has assigned 120813FRV as an identification code to this recall.
- (1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood RV, Inc.

Fleetwood RV, Inc. #44
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The agency should contact the following individual with respect to this recall:

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- (2) The vehicles involved in the recall are certain model year 2013 Excursion motor homes.

Product	Serial Numbers	Manufactured Dates
2013 Excursion	776AD4410699 through 776AD4411759	3/27/2012 through 7/24/2012

- (3) Fleetwood RV reports 74 as the number of model year 2013 Excursion motor homes with the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood RV is unable to estimate the percentage of model year 2013 Excursion motor homes that contain the safety defect.

- (5) On motor homes affected by this recall, a threaded fastener installed on the turn shaft of the slide-out mechanism may come into contact with a portion of the diesel fuel fill hose while the turn shaft is rotating. If the fastener makes contact with the fuel fill hose, there is a possibility that it will abrade the fuel fill hose and cause a leak. Leaking fuel, in the presence of an ignition source, may lead to a fire.
- (6) Fleetwood RV began an investigation shortly after a conference call held July 20, 2012 with a dealership that reported slow fuel fill conditions on a 2013 Excursion unit. During the repair the dealership reported that they had observed a fastener on the slide-out drive shaft making contact with the fuel line when the shaft was at a particular point of rotation.

Fleetwood has received one warranty claim, dated July 25, 2012, from the dealership that reported the issue during a conference call, for the correction of a diesel fuel line that was damaged by contact with a slide-out drive shaft fastener.

- (7) Fleetwood RV is not aware of any accidents or injuries which have resulted from this safety defect.
Not applicable.
- (8) Fleetwood RV dealers will inspect affected motor homes for contact between the slide-out mechanism turn shaft threaded fastener and the diesel fuel fill hose. The threaded fastener will be shortened as necessary to achieve clearance of the fuel line. Fuel lines determined as damaged by the inspection will be replaced. Repairs will be at no charge to owners.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 577.11(e) Fleetwood RV does not plan to provide reimbursement notification to owners because all involved vehicles are covered under the new vehicle warranty.

- (9) Fleetwood RV intends to conduct a dealer notification by e-mail in August 2012.
Fleetwood RV intends to conduct a customer notification in August 2012.
Fleetwood RV does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.
- (10) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to the NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:

- I) Letter of dealer notification
- II) Letter of customer notification
- III) Service Bulletin

A draft of these documents will be forthcoming for your review. If additional information is required, please contact Joyce Geels who can be reached by phone at (260) 724-5795 or by e-mail at joyce.geels@fleetwoodrv.com.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Biazio
National Warranty Manager