



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

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NVS-215KS
14V-140

Subject: Slide Room Actuator Bracket may Contact Tire

Dear Mr. Conway:

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/CRUSADER/2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 24, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-140

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 94

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2014 Crusader fifth wheel trailers, model CSF315RST, manufactured September 26, 2013, through March 3, 2014. In the affected trailers, the slide room actuator bracket may come into contact with the tire under certain road conditions.

Consequence:

If the bracket comes in contact with the tire, sudden tire failure may result, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will install a replacement bracket that will adequately clear the tire, free of charge. Parts are not currently available. Forest River expects to send an interim notification in April 2014. When parts are available, owners will be mailed a second letter to come in to have the part installed. Owners may contact Forest River at 1-574-862-3001.

Notes:

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

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

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 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.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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