



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Keith Fisher
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NEF-150KS
16V-846

Subject: Incorrect Information on Federal Placard/Part 567

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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/XLR/2017

Mfr's Report Date: November 17, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-846

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2017 XLR recreational trailers, models XLF413AMP, XLF422AMP, WZXLF422AMP and XLF380AMP, manufactured September 29, 2016, to November 8, 2016. The affected vehicles may be equipped with an incorrect Federal Placard that does not indicate that the vehicle has a third axle. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 567, "Certification."

Consequence:

If the Federal Placard is missing the correct axle information, the operator may overload the trailer, causing a loss of a vehicle control and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will install a corrected Federal Placard, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 13, 2017. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-642-0432. Forest River's number for this recall is 45-11122016-0272.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 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 the first name being the most prominent.

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