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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150KS
17V-756

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

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:

CARGO MATE/CARGO MATE/2003-2018
COACHMEN/APEX/2009-2017
COACHMEN/CATALINA/2009-2017
COACHMEN/CONCORD/2009-2018
COACHMEN/FREEDOM EXPRESS/2009-2017
COACHMEN/FREELANDER/2009-2018
COACHMEN/LEPRECHAUN/2009-2018
COACHMEN/MIRADA/2009-2018
COACHMEN/ORION/2009-2018
COACHMEN/PRISM/2009-2018
COACHMEN/PURSUIT/2009-2018
CONTINENTAL CARGO/CONTINENTAL CARGO/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/BERKSHIRE/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/CEDAR CREEK/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/CHARLESTON/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/MOBILE RESTROOM/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/RIVERSTONE/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/ROCKPORT/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/SALEM/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/SANDPIPER/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/SIERRA/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/VENGEANCE/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/WILDCAT/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/WILDWOOD/2003-2018
FOREST RIVER/XLR/2003-2018
SHASTA/OASIS/2013-2017
SHASTA/REVERE/2013-2017

Mfr's Report Date: November 22, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-756

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 358,584

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2003-2018 Forest River Berkshire, Charleston, Rockport, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Riverstone, Salem, Sandpiper, Sierra, Vengeance, Wildcat, Wildwood, XLR Boost, Cargo Mate, Continental Cargo, motorhomes, recreational trailers, toyhaulers, cargo trailers and restroom trailers and 2009-2018 Coachmen Mirada, Pursuit, Concord, Leprechaun, Freeland, Orion and Prism motorhomes, 2009-2017 Coachmen Apex and Catalina recreational trailers, and 2013-2017 Shasta Oasis and Revere recreational trailers, equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' Fire Extinguishers. These extinguishers may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or excessive force may be needed to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rc1/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf>

Consequence:

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, instructing them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 18, 2018. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-800-348-7440, or Kidde customer service toll free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information. Forest River's number for this recall is 51-0544.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

We understand that you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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 more prominent.

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