

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 10, 2023

Mr. Jim Robischon Felling Trailers, Inc. 1525 Main Street South Sauk Centre, MN 56378 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 23E-028

Subject: Corrosion on Remote Control Circuit Board

Dear Mr. Robischon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Felling Trailers, 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:

FELLING/DECK-OVER/2023 FELLING/DROP-DECK/2022-2023

Mfr's Report Date: March 31, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-028

#### **Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:WINCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6

#### **Problem Description:**

Felling Trailers, Inc. (Felling Trailers) is recalling certain 2022-2023 Felling Trailers Drop-Deck and 2023 Deck-Over trailers, equipped with a Warn Winch and a wireless handheld remote. Water may enter the handheld remote control for the winch and cause circuit board corrosion, which can allow the winch to operate unintentionally.

## **Consequence:**

A winch that operates unintentionally increases the risk of injury.

### Remedy:

Felling Trailers will work with Warn Industries, Inc. to provide owners instructions on how to inspect the remote for corrosion and disable the wireless function by removing the battery pack from the remote. If corrosion or water intrusion is found when removing the battery pack owners should stop using the remote and contact WARN customer service for a replacement remote, free of charge. Once new parts are available, WARN will make a replacement water resistant remote available, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in April 2023. Owners may contact Felling Trailers customer service at 1-888-335-5464.

#### **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.nhtsa.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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.

Felling Trailers, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

