Chrysler to end Moscow Jeep sales

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Moscow's Ambassador Auto is one of the 789 Chrysler dealerships the automaker wants to eliminate by June 9.

According to the Associated Press, Chrysler, which filed for bankruptcy earlier this month, said in a court filing Thursday that its dealership network is antiquated and has too many stores competing with each other.

Ambassador Auto owner Phil Mack said he was notified Thursday morning through the mail of his Chrysler contract's termination.

"If (Chrysler) gets their way, we will no longer be a Jeep dealer," Mack said.

Ambassador Auto sells a combination of Chrysler and Subaru automobiles, so Mack said if the contract is terminated he will have Subaru to fall back on.

"The worst-case scenario is we keep on with Subaru. We won't be nearly as affected as just a Chrysler dealer," he said.

He said he is anticipating elimination of the Chrysler portion of the dealership around June 6 but there has been no official information about that. He said Chrysler gave no indication as to why his dealership was selected.

"We're just a Jeep dealer, and they want us to sell all three brands under one roof (Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge)," he said. "That was not the way we were. I think the majority of folks terminated are going to be single-lined dealers."

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