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### August 16, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators

and the NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM: WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: FloodSmart Retention Mailing - Update and Opt-Out Form

Thank you for your participation in the Retention and Win-Back program Web casts on August 3 and 12. In follow-up to the calls, please see, attached:

- Policyholder Retention and Win-back Programs PowerPoint Presentation
- Questions and Answers generated as a result of the meetings
- NFIP Opt-Out Form for the FloodSmart Retention & Win-Back Mailings

The deadline for opting out of the programs has been extended to September 30, 2004, to allow WYO companies additional time to review the program elements. If you have additional questions about the programs, please direct them to <a href="mailto:floodsmart@ogilvypr.com">floodsmart@ogilvypr.com</a>.

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, WYO Marketing Committee, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: Marketing, Underwriting





Policy Holder
Retention and Win-Back
Programs

## FloodSmart Retention Program Review

- Monthly direct mail campaign
- Targeted to approx 20% of total policy holders
- Designed to provide marketing messages that remind policy holder to renew policy
- Targeting based on renewal date and predictive model
- Two créative versions, to be tested one against each other

# Issues raised by the insurance industry

- In what ways can NFIP use policy holder data?
- What is the call to action?
- Can NFIP target specific groups of customers?
- How does the timing work with companies' renewal notifications?

## How can NFIP use policy holder data?

- Broadly, NFIP is able to use policy holder data to communicate with policy holders (according to NFIP attorney), as long as it is for purposes of ensuring flood insurance coverage
- BUT: Companies have their own privacy agreements with their customers plus agreements with their agents that they must comply with

Solution: Mailing to use company name and agent name, rather than just appearing to come only from FEMA and NFIP.

### What is the call to action?

- Call to action is to contact the agent
  Not a letter as and
- Will show FEMA and NF
- Company name to be included
- · Agent name, agency name and contact info to he included

# How are policy holders being targeted?

- Predictive model identifies those most at risk of lapsing
  - The mailing targets these policies, is clearly from NFIP and does not replace the WYO's renewal notice (e.g. no policy number, effective date, etc.)
- Renewal dates are used to develop the monthly mailing lists

# How do we want policy holders to respond?

- Renew your insurance today: Call your agent,
   Mr. J Smith, 123-456-789
- FloodSmart.gov will be included on piece, although not as call to action
- No NFIP \$800 # as call to action

## When will the mailings go out?

- Likely 2-6 weeks prior to renewal date.
- 1x per month drop
- Mailing will acknowledge that someone may have already paid their renewal, or mailing may coincide with renewal notices
  - Example: Renewal dates between January 1-31. Mail date December 20.
  - Companies who wish not to participate may opt out from these mailings (form provided)

### Model overview

## **Objective**

- Identify current policies that are most likely to lapse at the renewal date.
- · Generate a score for each policy for which a higher score implies more likely to lapse
- · Use score sort most likely to lapse policies to the top of the list (i.e. top 20% of list)

### Model overview

### Data Sources:

- Contracts in Force
  - as of Sep 30, 2003
- Expired/Cancelled
  - as of Sep 30, 2003
- Claims
  - Sep 30, 1998 Sep 30, 2003
- Major Flood Disasters
  - Jan 1, 1996 Dec 1, 2003



## Model application results

The model was applied to a data sample for testing and validation

The top 20% of the list contained nearly 60% of the total lapsed policies

Validation Sample Gains Chart				
Decile	Attrition	Attrition Index	Cumul % of Lapsed Policies	
1	84%	339	34%	
2	66%	265	60%	
3	37%	150	75%	
4	23%	95	85%	
5	17%	69	92%	
6	12%	48	97%	
7	6%	23	99%	
8	2%	7	99%	
9	1%	3	100%	
10	1%	2	100%	
Total	25%	100	100%	

### **Data Transfer Protocol**

Each quarter (firm date TBD), connectivity will:

- Establish FTP sites for each yendor
- Request 5-day turn around if possible
- Transmit lists stored as tab delimited text files with column headings in the first row
  - Vendors to match records based on policy number
- Need appended:
  - Agent name, street address and phone number
  - Policy holder's name, mailing address

## What Do WYO Companies Need To Do?

Action	When By?	Whe is Responsible
Return completed opt-out form to FEMA	30 <sup>th</sup> September	WYO Companies
Determine final print quantities for Nov - March mailings	4th October	JWT
Select data for Nov-March mailings	6 <sup>th</sup> October	JWT
Post data files and data append instructions to secure FTP site for vendor access	7 <sup>th</sup> October	JWT
Retrieve data files from FTP site	8 <sup>th</sup> October	Vendors
Append agent info, mailing address and lien holder data	15 <sup>th</sup> October	Vendors
Delete specific records if required	20 <sup>th</sup> October	WYO Companies
Return data files to JWT via FTP site	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Vendors
Prepare mail files and send to letter shop	29 <sup>th</sup> October	JWT
First monthly mail date (monthly thereafter)	29 <sup>th</sup> November	JWT

# Retention Creative (Two Brothers)





First Reveal

## Retention Creative Call-To-Action

(Two Brothers)



WARNING: Short-term gains are washed away without flood insurance.

### FLOODS ARE THE #1 NATURAL DISASTER IN AMERICA.

Most floods are not declared a federal disaster and uninsured homeowners are left with the burden of repairs. Even if the President declares a federal disaster, most assistance is in the form of a loan that must be repaid with interest—and that can cost the same as paving for the damages vourself.

Are you faced with a decision about flood insurance? Make the right choice. You never save by being uninsured. Renew your <WYO> policy today.>

#### CALL TODAY:

- <Agent Name Optional> at <Agency Name>
- <Agent Phone Number>

Call To Action

Second Reveal



Are you FloodSmart?

### Retention Creative Call To Action



is around \$17,600—and that's just the national average. Costs are much higher in certain areas—costs that you would have to bear if you left yourself uninsured. For information, visit FloodSmart.gov/choice. Better yet, give your agent a call. They can tell you more.

### CALL YOUR INSURANCE AGENT TODAY.

If you've already renewed your flood insurance, we thank you.

Be FloodSmart.



Third Reveal



# Retention Creative (Pull Tab)



Cover with tabs closed



Cover with tabs opened

### Retention Creative Call To Action



Don't let myths about flooding lead you to the wrong decision. Renew your flood insurance.

CALL YOUR AGENT TODAY.

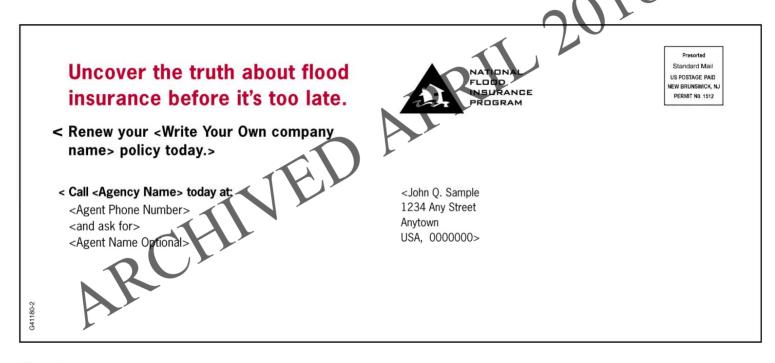
If you've already renewed your flood insurance, we thank you.

Be FloodSmart.



**Inside Panels** 

# Retention Creative Call To Action (Pull Tab)



**Back** 

## Win-Back Program

ACQUISITION ————

RETENTION

WINBACK

- Direct mail targeted to previous policy holders who have let their policies lapse
- Objective is to convince these people to that they should still be covered by flood insurance
- 2 creative executions have been developed and will be tested against each other
- First mail date 29th November, second drop 1st March 2005
- Call to action Call your agent today, or call 1-800 123 4567 or visit FloodSmark gov for more information
- Minimum of 90 days allowed after policy lapsed prior to mailing
- Cancelled policies excluded from mailings

# Win-Back Creative (Funny Thing)





Back

# Win-Back Creative (Funny Thing)



First Reveal

# Win-Back Creative (Funny Thing)



Before it's too late...

re-insure your home against flooding.

Be FloodSmart.

Call your insurance agent today.
For more information about flood insurance,
call 1-888-724-6791
or go to FloodSmart.gov/funny

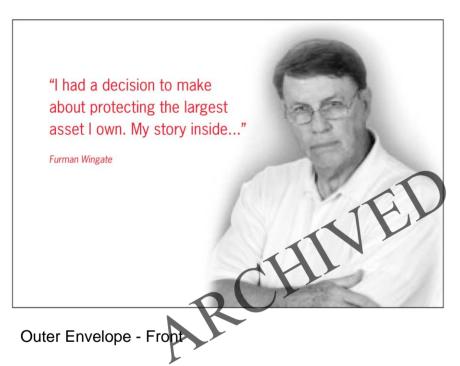


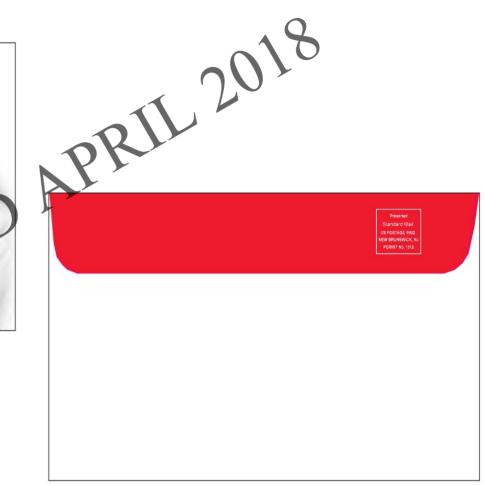


The National Flood Insurance Program is managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security All claims and expenses are funded by insurance premiums, not tax dollars.

Second Reveal

# Win-Back Creative (Testimonial)





Outer Envelope - Back

## Win-Back Creative (Testimonial)



Letter - Front



Letter - Back

## Summary

- Retention program is part of a larger campaign to drive increased policies in 2004/2005.
- Combined with WYO company permission to use mailing address and agent name, NFI will help to reduce policy lapse rate.
- Win Back program complete the loop of targeting non policy holders (acquisition) current policy holders (retention) and lapsed policy holders.
- All programs aimed at driving flood insurance business to insurance agents - and therefore WYO Companies.

## Next Steps

- Receive back opt-out forms by September 30 from WYO companies that don't plan to participate in the NFIP retention program or the win-back program.
- Establish data transfer protocols with WYO company vendors (in progress)
- Begin data transfer and appending in October.
- Drop first monthly mailing third week of November and monthly thereafter.

## Questions/Answers from Retention Conference Calls With WYO Companies

### 1. Question

Can we have a written copy of the meeting presentation?

#### **Answer**

The presentation is now posted on the BureauNet.

### 2. Question

Can we see what the direct mail creative looks like?

#### **Answer**

The creative for all four direct mail pieces (two for retention and two for the win-back program) are shown inside the presentation posted on the BureauNet.

#### 3. Question

Where are the agent phone numbers coming from?

### Answer

JWT will send predictive modeling data to the appropriate source of agent phone numbers and contact information for each participating WYO company and/or vendor. Once received, each WYO company and/or vendor is asked to provide the agent's name, address, and phone number to JWT for use in the pieces.

### 4. Question

Can we put the company logo on the mailing?

#### **Answer**

At one time, that was going to be the solution to the question of "who is this reminder coming from?" However, too many WYO companies were concerned with redlining (sending only to a select few). Because of this, the company name can be included, but the only logos included in the pieces will be the FEMA and NFIP logos.

### 5. Question

What if we need more than 2 weeks to make a decision?

#### Answer

Originally, the due date for the Opt Out form was going to be two weeks. Because of everyone's concern with that amount of time, it will now be necessary to opt out within a six-week period. The new opt out date is Thursday, September 30.

#### 6. Question

What's the process if we have to get permission to use each agent's name?

### <u>Answer</u>

You will notice that there is a six-week waiting period between today and the date you have to turn in your Opt-Out Form for nonparticipation. During that time, if you feel it's necessary to allow each agent to Opt In to the program, each WYO company should take this time to do it. If your agents need notification of this upcoming program, the deadline gives you six weeks to inform them.

### 7. Question

Can the program be an opt-in program rather than an opt-out program? **Answers** 

The program is utilizing an opt-out option for several reasons. Many WYOs are ready to participate at this time while others have expressed the need for additional time to review the program prior to participating. Rather than delay the program, the decision was made to conduct the initial mailing with the opt-out form to allow WYOs who need more time to postpone their participation, if needed. WYOs who initially elect to opt-out can contact Jim Caponigro (JWT) at 404-365-7309 to discuss participating in future mailings.

### 8. Question

Has JWT or FEMA contacted the PIA and IIABA to solicit their input?

Both PIA and IIABA have been presented with the retention and win-back programs, and have provided ongoing feedback.

### 9. Question

Why is the FloodSmart.gov website address included in the direct mail pieces?

Answer

The call-to-action in each direct mail piece tells the policyholder to renew their policy today, and contact their agent (with questions or for more information). To help reinforce the customer/agent relationship, the retention mailing also lists each agent's name, company, address, and phone number.

FloodSmart.gov is included in the copy where information about flood insurance is mentioned. It provides the customer a place to go if they want more information about flooding. Nowhere in any piece does it talk about looking for another agent at FloodSmart.gov.

### 10. Question

Can the win-back mailing go to the mailing address instead of the property address?

#### **Answer**

Sure. We'll just have to use the same process of sending details to the vendors to make sure the addresses are current.

Name:	
Title:	
<b>WYO C</b>	ompany Name
Phone:	- •

**Email Address:** 

### RETENTION PROGRAM

- Direct mail designed to provide marketing messages to policyholders to remind them to contact their agents to renew their policies
- Targeting based on renewal date and predictive modeling
- Current policyholders will receive the reminder close to their renewal date to act as a final reminder



### WIN BACK PROGRAM

- Direct mail targeted to previous policyholders who have let their policies lapse
- Objective is to convince these people that they should still be covered by flood insurance
- Minimum of 90 days allowed after policy lapsed prior to mailing

I would like to OPT OUT of the NFIP monthly Win-Back Program

Please fax/email form by Thursday, September 30. If we don't hear from you, we will assume your participation.

Email: <u>floodsmart@ogilvypr.com</u>
Fax: (202) 466-7598, attention Meg Bartow at Ogilvy PR