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# US Flood Insurance: Current NFIP and Public Policy Issues

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# OUTLINE

#### LOSS MODELING

- Estimation of Non-Modeled Loss Distributions
- Modeled loss DistributionsEnsemble Model: NFIP View of Risk

#### **NFIP Financials: Stochastic Forecasts**

- Revenue, Expense, and Loss Assumptions
- Projected Income Statement Means Projected Surplus Distributions

#### **EVALUATING REINSURANCE**

- Long Term Analysis
- Corporate Bond Market Comparisons

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#### NFIP Ensemble Loss and ALAE Model By Peril and All Combined



#### Non-Modeled Perils – Loss Estimation NFIP Named Tropical Storm – Fitted Severity





# Non-Modeled Perils – Loss Estimation NFIP Hurricane Precipitation



#### **NFIP Ensemble Model** By Peril and All Combined

- model output reflects final weightings, adjustments, and recalibrations updated in 2016 ٠
- very significant reduction in AAL and entire ensemble CDF from FIRS completed in 2014
  - remains a "work in progress" as US flood modeling continues to develop and improve



#### Contribution to NFIP Ensemble Gross AAL

#### NFIP Ensemble Model AEP and OEP by Peril and Combined



#### NFIP Ensemble Model By Peril and Incremental Occurrence Layers

- inland and non-modeled exposure diminish significantly as occurrence layer attachment increases
- thus beyond lower attachments, occurrence layers can be more confidently priced in the near term



# 2 NFIP Financials: Stochastic Forecasts



#### NFIP Financials Stochastic Forecasts



#### REVENUE

Surcharges – flat \$ charges by occupancy Assessments – flat % charges Unsubsidized rate increases = inflation Subsidized rate increases > inflation (until full risk level reached)

Newly mapped policy additions each year

FORECASTING VARIABLES and ASSUMPTIONS



#### **EXPOSURE**

Added newly mapped policies annually

no other exposure <u>increases</u> assumed

Demand elasticity formula applied to:

- Premium + surcharges + assessments increases > inflation by segment
- Losses overall average exposure reduction with a newly mapped offset



Losses per exposure increased by stochastic CPI inflation annually Planned expense ratio reductions to subsidized policies beginning 2019 Stochastic yield rates applied annually to investment income/debt accrual

## NFIP Revenue Projections Premium, Assessments, and Surcharges





## Projected NFIP Mean Underwriting Results Combined Ratios



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## Projected NFIP Mean Operating Income Underwriting Gain/(Loss), Investment Income, and Net Income



#### Projected NFIP Surplus Distribution – Cone of Uncertainty Excluding Current Debt



The possibility of deficits is still significant despite mean surplus turning positive

# 3 EVALUATING REINSURANCE



### Evaluating Reinsurance Long Term Value – Summary

Reinsurance is a **cost efficient** source of non-subsidized capital with **~\$60m savings per \$1B** issued over corporate bond market \$

REINSURANCE IS CAPITAL



\$8-16B of immediately accessible reinsurance is **real capital relief**, and the \$2-4B initial program is **significant move towards stability** 

Assuming adequate premiums, attainable reinsurance equates to a ~40% reduction in the probability of having to raise NFIP's debt ceiling and a 73% reduction in the probability of having to do this at least twice over a 10 year timeframe

## NFIP – Evaluating Reinsurance Long Term View – Analytical Approach

- view several straightforward reinsurance structures and estimated market pricing
- generate 10 years of financials at adequate rate level
  - establish adequacy of revenue to support reinsurance purchase, add any shortfall
  - replenish capital when the existing debt ceiling is exhausted
  - compare probabilities of exhausting debt ceiling and replenishment \$s
- while comparisons between structures are interesting, the primary purpose of this analysis is to analyze reinsurance value across a range of common types and terms
- long-term \$ amounts are 2025 projections, thus limited accuracy
  - the loss and expense ratios are less inaccurate and more relevant to the analysis
  - indications are sensitive to the level of rate adequacy

## Evaluating Reinsurance – Long Term View 10 Year Value Metrics with Capital Replenishment

Metric	Gross	Agg 16x7	Agg 8x7	Occ 16x7	Occ 12x5
Reinsurance Deposit	0	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.5
Annual Net Margin	1.8	.40	.80	1.0	1.0
Pr (1+ replenishment)	18.6%	11.5%	13.8%	16.5%	14.8%
Pr (2+ replenishment)	2.9%	0.8%	1.4%	2.0%	1.5%
Capital Replenishment:					
Avg per 10 year string	4.0	1.9	2.7	2.3	2.0
Avg per replenishment	21.3	16.1	19.5	13.9	13.2
Change over Gross					
Pr (1 + replenishment)		-38%	-26%	-11%	-21%
Pr (2+ replenishment)		-73%	-53%	-32%	-50%
Capital per 10 year string		-53%	-32%	-42%	-51%
Capital per replenishment		-24%	-8%	-34%	-38%

Figures in \$Billions

- · Reinsurance reduces frequency of need to increase debt ceiling
- Reinsurance also reduces severity of the debt ceiling increase (when increased)
- Must have revenue margin sufficient to support reinsurance purchase
  - this example adds more revenue than projected 2025 rate levels
  - reinsurance saves \$1.5b in revenue increase needed for comparable protection

### Reinsurance is Cost-efficient Capital Corporate Bond Market Comparisons

#### PROCESS



Start with Corporate Bond Yields (~\$10 trillion market, ~\$27b daily trading volume)

 James Carville: I used to think if there was reincarnation, I wanted to come back as the president or the pope or a .400 baseball hitter.
But now I want to come back as the bond market. You can intimidate everybody.

Adjust for differential recovery rate

Interpolate on log-log scale

Inferred yield for corp bond with similar default probability

#### RESULT

#### Save \$40-\$100m per \$1b issued

- Adjusting for credit cliff, tail correlation, bond fees increases savings
- Key assumption: Treasury has limit to risk-free financing
  - But borrowing at risk-free rate is subsidization

### Reinsurance is Cost-efficient Capital Bond Market Comparison - Math



Default Rate (Log10 Scale)

Tranche	p(default)	rtn pd	Yield	LGD	Risky RoR <sup>2</sup>	Adj RoR <sup>3</sup>
Bond_Govt_USD	0.0000%	n.a.	1.0143%	0.0%	n.a.	1.014%
Bond_AAA_Corp_USD	0.0052%	19,230.8	1.1026%	70.9%	1.139%	1.059%
Bond_AA_Corp_USD	0.1452%	688.7	1.5899%	70.9%	1.826%	1.304%
Bond_A_Corp_USD	0.2190%	456.6	1.8650%	70.9%	2.214%	1.443%
Bond_BBB_Corp_USD	0.4220%	237.0	2.7615%	70.9%	3.479%	1.894%
Bond_BB_Corp_USD	1.7348%	57.6	6.8827%	70.9%	9.291%	3.970%
Bond_B_Corp_USD	4.2706%	23.4	14.4820%	70.9%	20.010%	7.798%
Bond_CCC_Corp_USD <sup>4</sup>	12.5842%	7.9	33.2066%	70.9%	46.420%	17.230%
Log-linear extrapolation	25.1684%	4.0				28.648%

Reinsurance LGD:

35.7%

#### LGD = Loss Given Default

#### Reinsurance Discussion Bond Market Comparison - Math

Option	Occ/Agg	p(attach)	LGD	Yield	Dep RoL	Adj RoL	Accept Reins?	Save Per \$1b
16 x 7	Agg	17.16%	35.71%	21.63%	15.33%	15.33%	Yes	63
8 x 7	Agg	17.16%	53.69%	32.10%	21.54%	21.54%	Yes	106
16 x 7	Occ	9.36%	36.22%	14.04%	8.98%	9.82%	Yes	42
12 x 5	Occ	14.29%	41.01%	21.58%	12.76%	14.58%	Yes	70

#### Notes:

- 1. Key is to see Adj RoL<I, then reinsurance is mathematically cost-effective.
- 2. Save per \$1b is in millions
- 3. LGD = Loss Given Default.

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- \$40m-\$100m cost advantage per \$1b issued
- Reinsurance market more comfortable with default
- As default probability increases, reinsurance cost advantage goes up
- Correction for credit cliff and correlation would increase savings
- Correlation increases for tail events (lower default probabilities)

#### NFIP – Value of Reinsurance Recap



#### Macro – Debt Matters

- Aggregate federal debt & debt to GDP ratio stress economy
- \$8-16b is a significant transfer
- Is reinsurance a core federal function?
- Some unexpected social spending has no private market solution



#### Micro – Reinsurance Can Help NFIP

- Use to justify actuarially sound rates
- Annual volatility compressed
- Reduce probability of debt ceiling increase
  - Reduce overall probability 38%
    - If Treasury used for extreme tail, reduction % is even more
- Reinsurance costs less than corporate debt
  - As much as \$40-100m+ per \$1b issued



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