

**TITLE: 2004 AMA - Forest Stand Improvement**

**PURPOSE:** Provide financial and technical assistance to landowners who **own less than 10 acres of woodland** and wish to improve the overall quality of their wooded acreage. Cost-shared timber stand improvement activities are intended for stands that cannot be treated with a commercially salable improvement cut. This practice has a limit of 9.9 acres. Livestock must be excluded from the practice area.

**BACKGROUND:** Landowners may wish to thin existing woodlots to improve the overall quality of the stand to enhance the production of timber and provide the opportunity for additional farm income. The thinning may also make it possible to produce agro-forestry products.

**PRACTICE LIST:** Forest Stand Improvement (acre) Code 666  
Use Exclusion (acre) Code 472  
(Fence - Least Cost Alternative)

**PROPOSAL:** Statewide  
Forest can be managed to provide the landowner with income from their woodland acreage.

**TECHNICAL CONTACT:** WVDOF - provides technical assistance for plan development, practice application, and inspection.