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Subject: RE: STIP: NWACT 150% list

The funding requested in Area 1 is close enough to the 150% mark that you can just advance the full package for scoping without further discussion. However, I would not necessarily wait for the scoping process to begin to discuss how to tier or prioritize the requests, although you can if like. Remember that the purpose of any prioritization process that you conduct, pre- or post-scoping, is simply to provide direction about which projects are the most important to the Area for those who will represent the Area in the Super ACT process to develop the Region's 100% list for the OTC. Waiting until after scoping is completed will shorten the time that the Area has to have this discussion and provide direction to your Super ACT delegates who will likely want this direction when they meet to develop the Region 100% list. Another option that you have is to not prioritize the 150% list at all and just empower the Super ACT delegates to use their own best judgment in the Region Super ACT negotiations. I would also avoid the use of the term rank in favor of tier or prioritize and, if you do decide to prioritize, just group projects as high/medium/low (as opposed to ranking 1, 2, 3, etc.). This will provide much needed flexibility to the Super ACT delegates when they get to the point in the process where they are advocating for projects that fit available funding.