Regional Priorities

TIERS:

* TIER ONE
  + PRIORITY: Communicate landscape conservation decision-making
    - UNIQUE ROLE: Develop communication strategy (targets specific audience which is TBD)
  + PRIORITY: Protect and restore healthy watersheds
    - UNIQUE ROLE: Decision support tool for targets for action (acquisition/easement, management/restoration)
  + PRIORITY: Protect and restore healthy forests
    - UNIQUE ROLE: Decision support tool for targets for action (acquisition/easement, management/restoration)
  + PRIORITY: Assess forest resilience
    - UNIQUE ROLE: assessment and communication
  + PRIORITY: maintaining biodiversity
    - UR: complete LCD with biodiversity in mind
* TIER TWO
  + PRIORITY: ESH – Early Successional Habitat
    - UR: DST – Decision Support Tool
  + PRIORITY: aquatic connectivity
    - UR: complete assessment in southern region, TN River Basin
  + PRIORITY: design for “sense of place”
    - UR: rural character, landscape consideration
  + PRIORITY: access and sustainable use of culturally significant resources for 1) tribes, 2) hunting and fishing
    - UR: DST in priority areas
* TIER THREE
  + PRIORITY: ID recreation opportunities
    - UR: Assess across landscape and communities
  + PRIORITY: strategies for invasive species
    - UR: communication
  + PRIORITY: water availability, knowledge of hydrology and runoff
    - UR: hydrology studies
  + PRIORITY: economic stimulus for rural communities
    - UR: ID opportunities with local input, ID the economic value