Lidar Mean Height of Vegetation within 5 m Above Terrain Metadata

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Overview

Summary

This dataset consists of files in GeoTiff format. The dataset is derived from lidar point cloud data. The dataset is intended to aid in the visualization and interpretation of point cloud data for use in landscape and vegetation analysis.

Description

This dataset is similar to Mean Height of Vegetation (mH) but measures mean height of vegetation and above-ground features within 5 m above the ground.

Methods

The Mean Height of Vegetation within 5 m (mH500) is produced using the LidR package[1, 2] and dependencies in R. The pixel_metrics() function is used to calculate the mean height values of the point cloud. The function takes the nlas500 filter as input and applies the mean(z) function to calculate mean height 5 m above the terrain for each pixel on the raster. The resulting mH500 raster output is GeoTiff format with a file name derived from the original las file name appended with "_mH500.tif".

Credits

This dataset includes products derived from lidar data collected and processed by the ABMI.

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Data Product Specifications

Spatial Resolution

The spatial resolution for mh500: 1 metre

Processing Environment

The processing environment to produce the GeoTiffs and shapefile is the R programming language, which includes R 4.2, Rtools 4.2 and RStudio Version:2023.06.0. The list of packages utilized includes LidR, raster, rgdal, sf, sp, spatial, and terra.

Resource Maintenance

Resource maintenance update frequency: as needed

Spatial Reference

Projected Coordinate System: NAD 1983 CSRS UTM Zone 11N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
WKID: 2955
Authority: EPSG
Linear unit: Metres (1.0)
False Easting: 500000.0
False Northing: 0.0
Central Meridian: -117.0
Scale Factor: 0.9996
Latitude Of Origin: 0.0
Geographic Coordinate System: NAD 1983 (CSRS)
Angular Unit: Degree (0.0174532925199433)
Datum: D North American 1983 CSRS
Spheroid: GRS 1980
Semimajor Axis: 6378137.0
Semiminor Axis: 6356752.314140356
Inverse Flattening: 298.257222101

NAD_1983_10TM_AEP_Forest
WKID: 3400 Authority: EPSG
Projection: Transverse Mercator
False Easting: 500000.0
False Northing: 0.0
Central Meridian: -115.0
Scale Factor: 0.9992
Latitude of Origin: 0.0
Linear Unit: Meter (1.0)
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Angular Unit: Degree (0.0174532925199433)
Prime Meridian: Greenwich (0.0)
Datum: D_North_American_1983
Spheroid: GRS_1980
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Inverse Flattening: 298.257222101

Projected Coordinate System: NAD 1983 CSRS UTM Zone 12N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
WKID: 2956
Authority: EPSG

Linear unit: Meters (1.0)
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False Northing: 0.0
Central Meridian: -111.0
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Lineage

The ABMI's mean height of vegetation within 5 m above terrain dataset was built using ABMI collected lidar data. This dataset is divided into tiles and represents the mean height of vegetation and above-ground features within 5 m of the ground on the landscape, as processed from the available lidar data.