

Predicting Tree Type in the Roosevelt **National Forest**

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Background and Methodology

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Predict tree types in the Roosevelt National Forest of Colorado

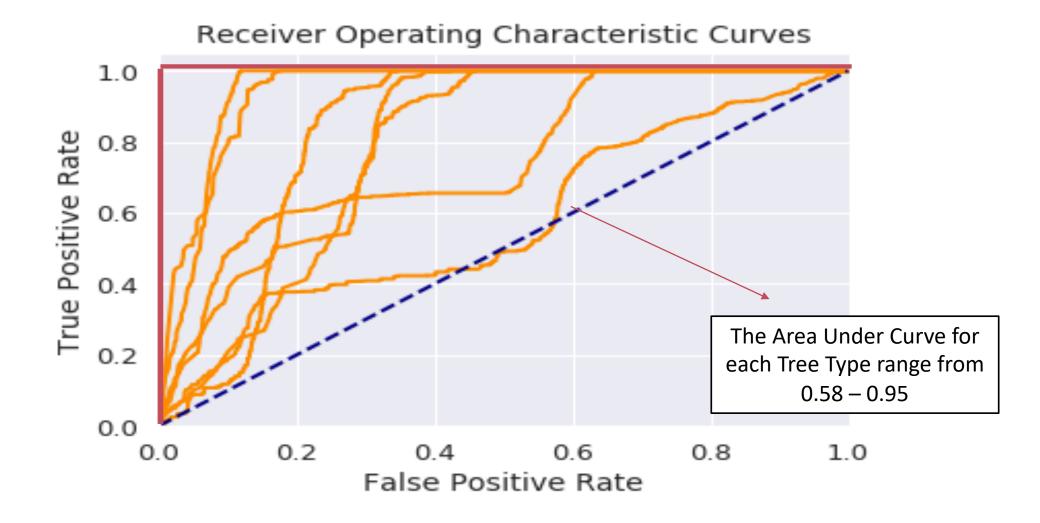
Methodology

- Data collected: 7 tree types from 4 wilderness areas
 - Additional data features: shadow coverage, distance to nearby landmarks (roads, hydrology), soil type, and local topography (elevation, aspect, slope)
- Data explored / analyzed
- Machine Learning used to develop a model to best predict tree types in the Forest

Findings and Recommendations

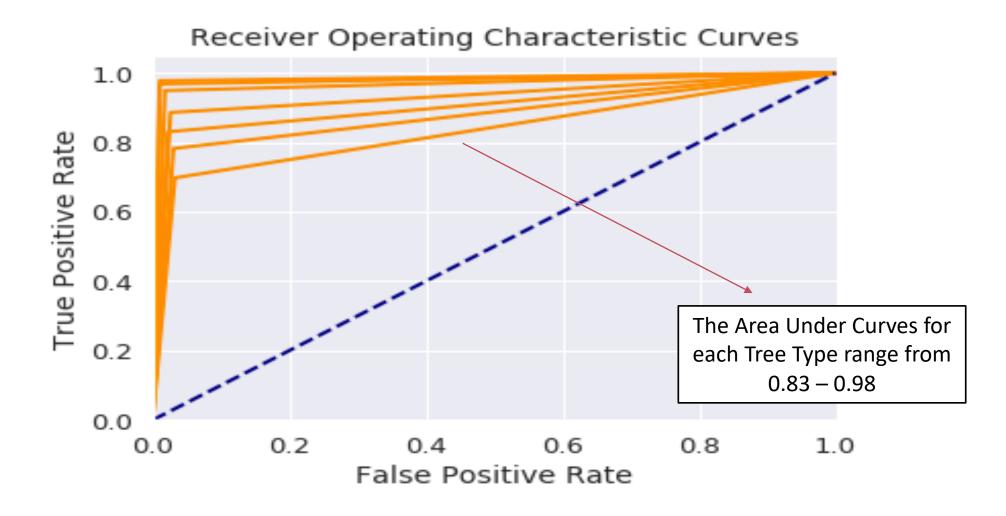
Machine Learning Algorithm

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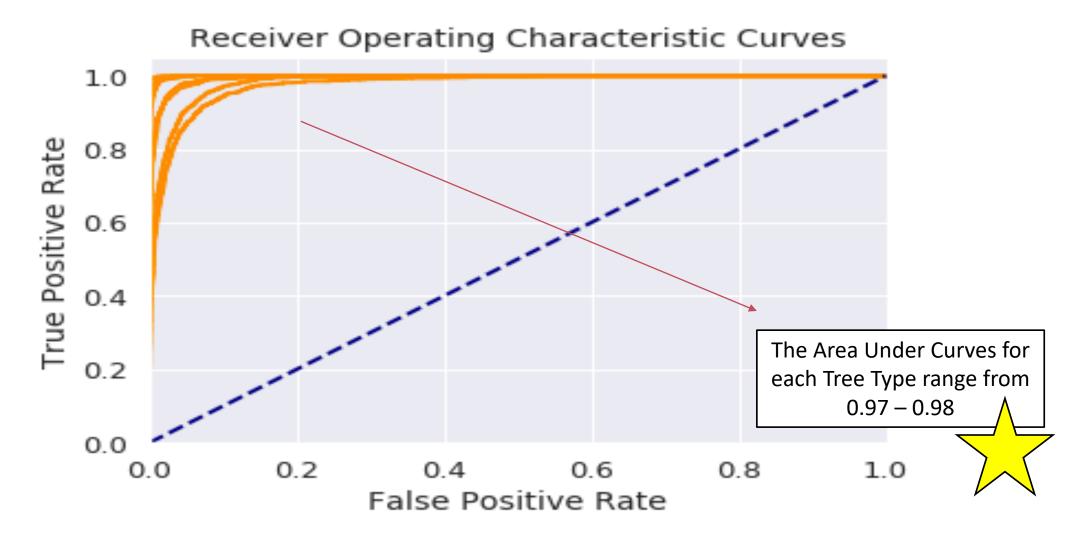
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K-Nearest Neighbors



Machine Learning Algorithm

Random Forest



Future Work and Next Steps

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- Research further data to determine predictions for wildfires, and assisting in their prevention
 - Obtain data on the history of wildfires in the Roosevelt National Forest
- Determine if the Random Forest model developed will work for other forests in Colorado

Questions?

Thank You!