

Review of: "Ancient Trails of the Surigao Gold District: A Preliminary Baseline Predictive Model"

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- 1. The paper does not contain a productive Result section, and although many results are presented, they are not analyzed or put into context for the reader. Adding interpretation of the results would clarify the contribution to the field this paper is providing and help convey information to stakeholders.
- 2. What are the implications of the finding that a certain LCP is more closely linked to a Metamorphic characteristic of the DEM? In some sense, we would expect this, since to my knowledge a Metamorphic characteristics changes with time and development of region.
- 3. Literature work is weak, need to refer more recent article on the subject and on the satellite imagery.
- 4. Introduction section is lacking of background study. LCP is not fruitfully elaborated. Interpretation of pictorial results are missing.
- 5. Overall, the article needs major revision and at this stage I don't recommend further for the publication of the article

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