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

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1. The abstract should briefly present the field of research with a definition of the problem and some highlights on the results (ex. Some statistical or numerical achievement).

2. The use of term 'macroscale' is widely consolidated in the literature dealing with geospatial modelling, I suggest to better introduce what exactly mean the use of this term (extent? Resolution? Landscape level?) in the research in the state of art and in the methodology

3. The introduction could be revised by improving the state of the art. In my understanding it should contain a brief recap of the ancient gold roads history, an introduction to the remote sensing data used and how, the GIS based spatial analyses context and finally, the scope of the paper. Why a reader should be interest to the content? What is the achievement of the study? Which is the target of the research?

4. All the cartography has a very elementary style, but by reading papers on geospatial analyses I think it could be easily improved.

5. The results, as usual in the papers, should have a textual part describing the path of the research approach. Here I just see a sequence of maps without any description. I'll be curious to read the improved version of the results but at the present I'm not able to comment.