Description of Statistical Models

All models were implemented and compared in R (R Core Development Team, 2021), including random forest regression (Breiman, 2001; Wright & Ziegler, 2017), quantile random forest regression (Meinshausen, 2017), radial support vector machines (Cortes & Vapnik, 1995; Karatzoglou et al., 2004), polynomial support vector machines (Cortes & Vapnik, 1995, Karatzoglou et al., 2004), linear support vector machines (Cortes & Vapnik, 1995; Meyer et al., 2021), ridge regression (Hoerl & Kennard, 1970; Zou & Hastie, 2020), and lasso regression (Tibshirani, 1996; Zou & Hastie, 2020).

Random forest models build multiple decision trees and bootstrap training samples within each tree. A random sample of m predictors is chosen as a split candidate at each split in each decision tree. This injection of randomness usually improves predictive performance as it reduces overfitting. Quantile random forests are similar but have the additional benefit of providing prediction intervals by estimating conditional quantiles. When used for regression, the objective function for support vector machines it to minimize the 12-norm of the coefficient vector. The error term is then handled in the constraints of the minimization function where the absolute error is set to be less than or equal to a specified margin, and this specified margin is the error, or ϵ (epsilon). Epsilon (the width of the margin) can then be tuned to an optimal accuracy. Radial and polynomial support vector machines use the same underlying theory but enlarge the feature space using quadratic, cubic or higher order polynomial functions of the predictors to achieve non-linearity. Ridge regression is very similar to least squares with the exception that a penalty term λ is introduced. λ is multiplied by the sum of the squared regression coefficients and then added to the residual sum of square error. This is called a shrinkage penalty (or L2 regularization) and has the effect of shrinking the coefficients towards 0 (but not to 0) at larger λ values. This penalty is useful for dealing with multicollinearity. Lasso regression also implements a shrinkage penalty but is instead called L1 regularization and λ is multiplied by the absolute values of the regression coefficients, and this can force the coefficients to 0.

Supplemental Figures

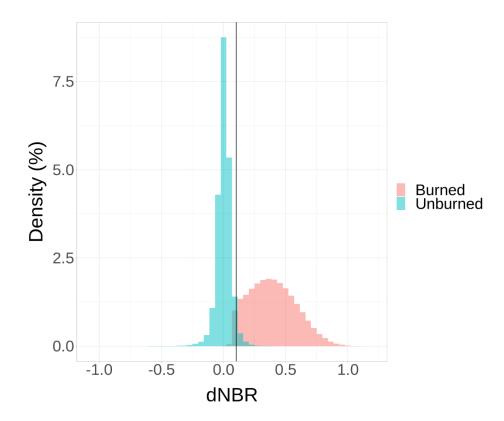


Figure S1. Differenced Normalized Burn Ratio (dNBR) threshold for determining burn status of 30 m pixels in Landsat imagery. The distributions show dNBR for burned and unburned control field sites contained in the Walker et al. (2020a) combustion database (including our artificial inflation of control sites by using dNBR in years prior to the fire event). A dNBR threshold of 0.084 (vertical black line) minimized commission and omission errors at the site-level.

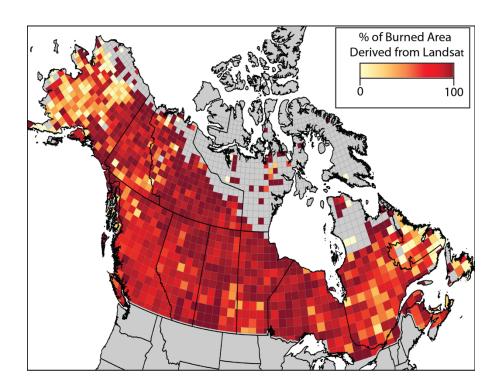


Figure S2. Percent of the total ABoVE-FED burned area product derived from Landsat (quality flag bands 0-1), aggregated to a 70 km grid.

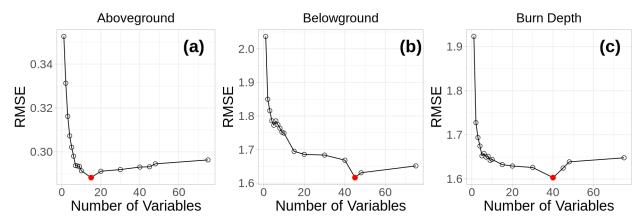


Figure S3. Recursive Feature Elimination implementation to find the optimal number of predictor variables for the aboveground (a), belowground (b) and burn depth (c) models. The red dot in each plot represents the point at which Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) was minimized. Associated variables were then used in final model implementations.

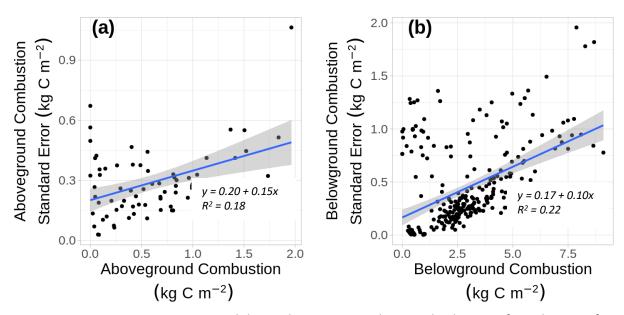


Figure S4. Linear regression models used to estimate the standard error of combustion for aboveground (a) and belowground (b) field samples for which standard error was not directly measured. Regression equations and R² from the model fits are shown.

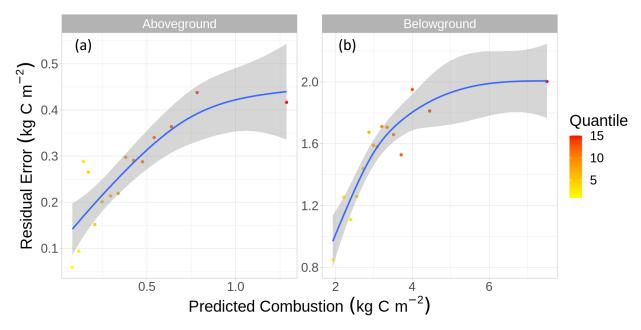


Figure S5. General Additive Models used to estimate residual errors as a function of predicted combustion. Points represent the relationships across 15 quantiles for the primary aboveground (a) and belowground (b) combustion random forest models.

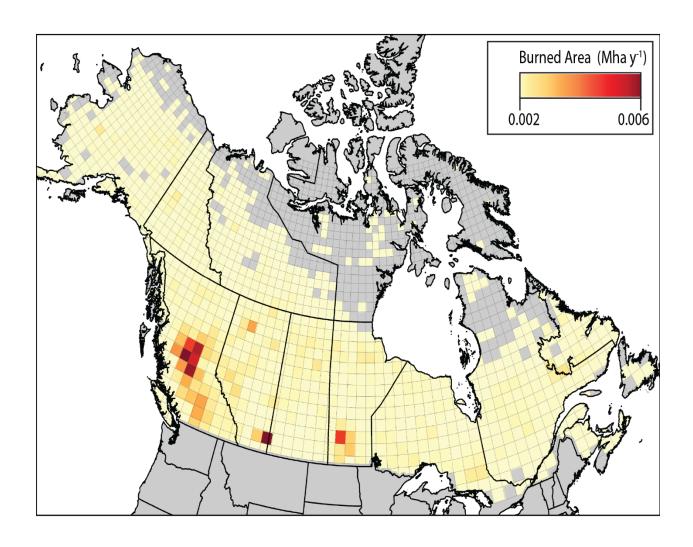


Figure S6. Burned area from ABoVE-FED located outside of the NLFD fire polygons, aggregated to a 70 km grid. Burned area outside the NLFDB polygons constituted 7% of the total domain-wide burned area.

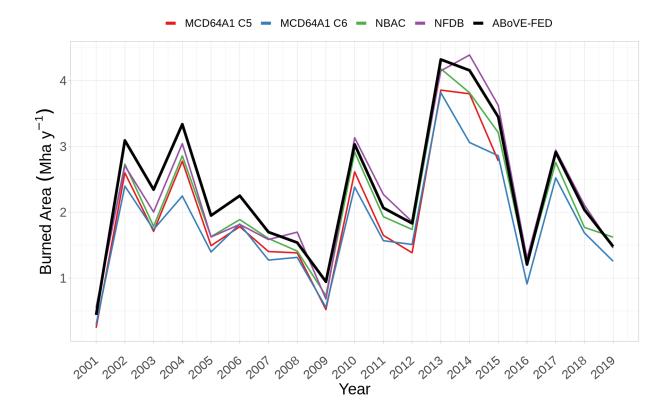


Figure S7. Comparison of ABoVE-FED burned area across Canada to MODIS MCD64A1 Collection 5 (C5), Collection 6 (C6), the Canadian National Burned Area Composite (NBAC), and the Alaskan and Canadian National Fire Databases (NFDB).

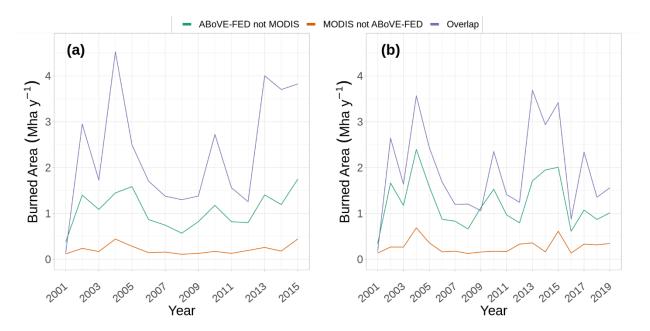


Figure S8. Comparison of ABoVE-FED burned area to the MODIS Collection 5 (a) and Collection 6 (b) burned area products across Alaska and Canada. Lines are shown for pixels where MODIS detects fires but ABoVE-FED does not (MODIS not ABoVE-FED), where ABoVE-FED detects burned area but MODIS does not (ABoVE-FED not MODIS), and where both products detect burned area (Overlap).

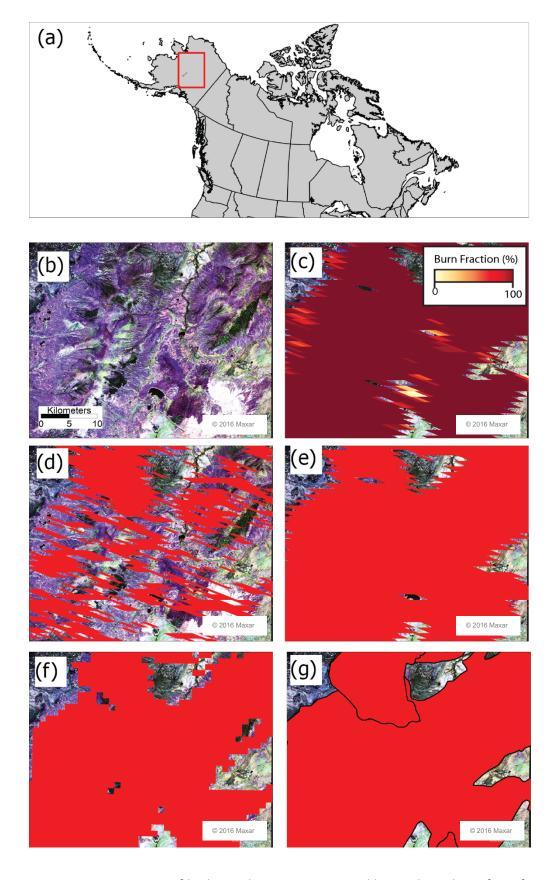


Figure S9. Comparison of high-resolution imagery and burned products for a fire in Alaska in 2016 (a). Panels show Worldview-2 imagery ©2016 DigitalGlobe, Inc., a Maxar company, NextView License (b, fire shown in pink and purple shades): ABoVE-FED (c), MODIS Collection 6 (d), MODIS Collection 5 (e), AKFED (f), and the ALFD (g).

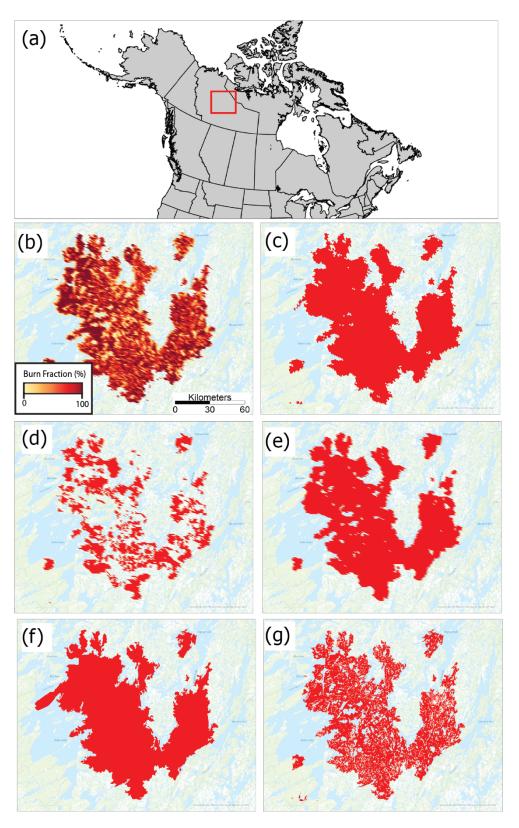


Figure S10. Comparison of a 2014 fire event in the Northwestern territories (a) for ABoVE-FED (b), AKFED (c), MCD64A1 Collection 6 (d), MCD64A1 Collection 5 (e), the Canadian National Fire Database (f) and the National Burn Area Composite (g). Basemap Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, NGA, EPA, USDA, NPS, AAFC and NRCran.

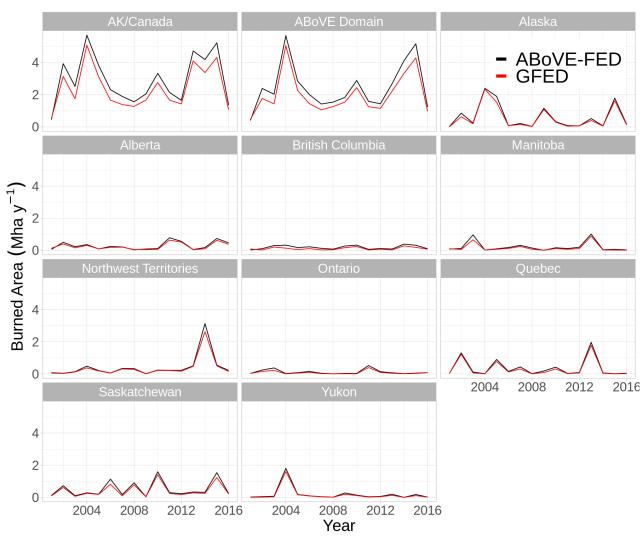


Figure S11. Burned area across all of Alaska and Canada, the ABoVE Domain and individual Alaska and Canadian provinces and Territories during 2001-2016 for GFED4s and ABoVE-FED.

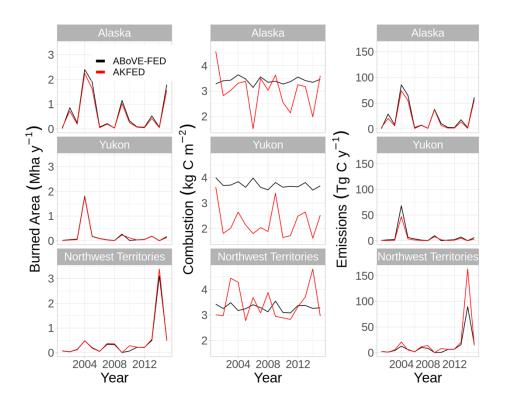


Figure S12. Burned area, total carbon emissions, and mean annual combustion for ABoVE-FED and AKFED in Alaska, the Yukon Territory, and the Northwest Territories between 2001 - 2015.

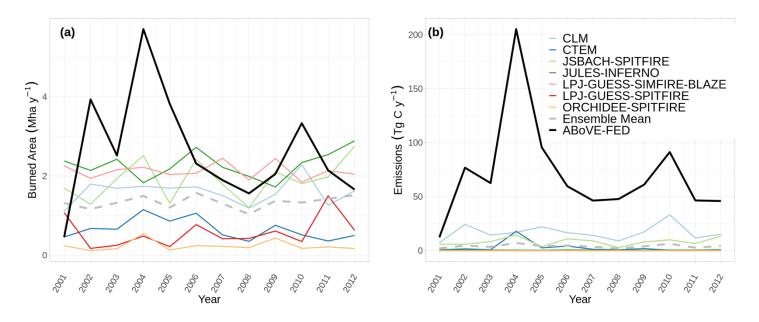


Figure S13. Comparison of burned area (a) and emissions (b) between ABoVE-FED and FireMIP. Individual model runs as well as the ensemble mean are shown for FireMIP. Panel (a) shows burned area across Alaska and Canada and panel (b) shows carbon emissions for the ABoVE domain.

Figure S14. Burned area across Alaska and Canadian provinces and territories during 2001-2019 for MODIS MCD64A1 Collection 5 (C5), Collection 6 (C6), the NFDB, NBAC, and ABoVE-FED.

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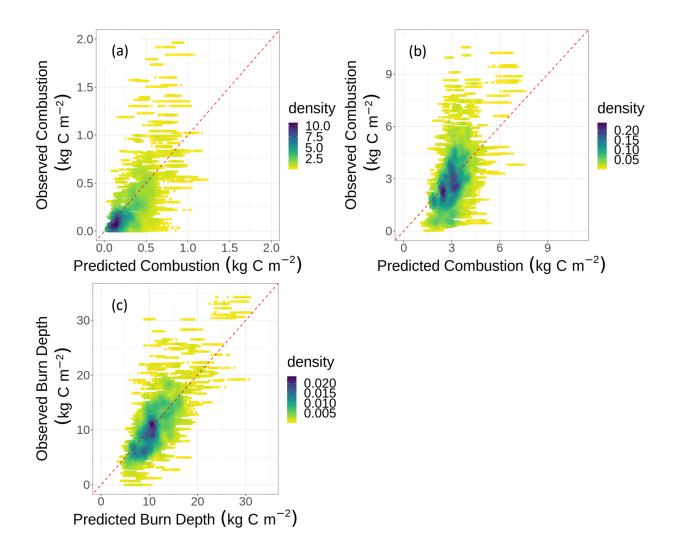


Figure S15. Comparison of observed and predicted combustion across a 10-fold cross-validation repeated 100 times for the aboveground combustion, (a) belowground combustion (b), and burn depth (c) models.

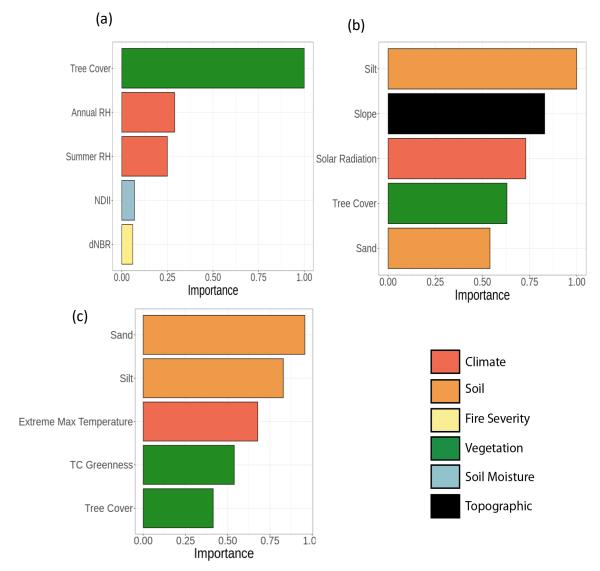


Figure S16. Feature importance for the primary aboveground combustion (a), belowground combustion (b), and burn depth (c) models. Variable names and meanings are described in Table S1, including Tree Cover, Annual Relative Humidity (Annual RH), Summer Relative Humidity (Summer RH), Normalized Difference Infrared Index (NDII), and the differenced Normalized Burn Ratio (dNBR), Silt % at 30 cm (Silt), Slope, Solar Radiation Tree Cover (%) Sand % at 30c m (Sand), Extreme Maximum Temperature, and Tasseled Cap Greenness (TC Greenness). Variables are color coded by category.

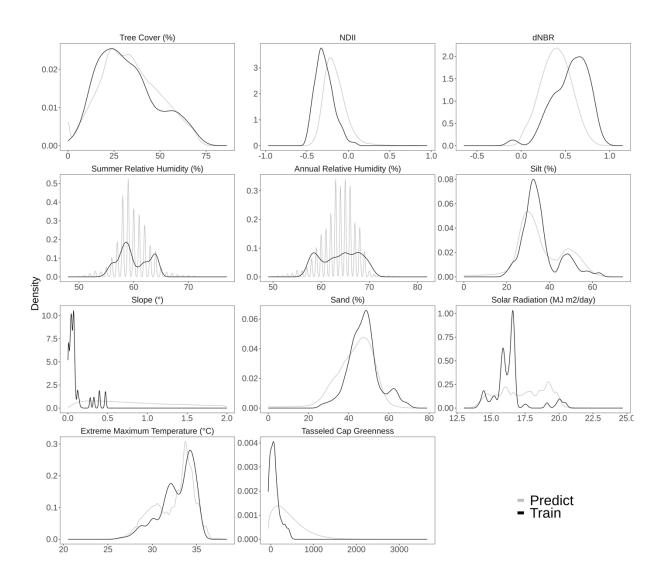


Figure S17. Frequency distributions for the most influential predictor variables (Figure S9) between the training set of field observations and predicting set across the entire domain. Note that the x-axis for slope has been limited to 2 degrees for visual purposes; predictions above 2 degrees occur, but in low frequency.

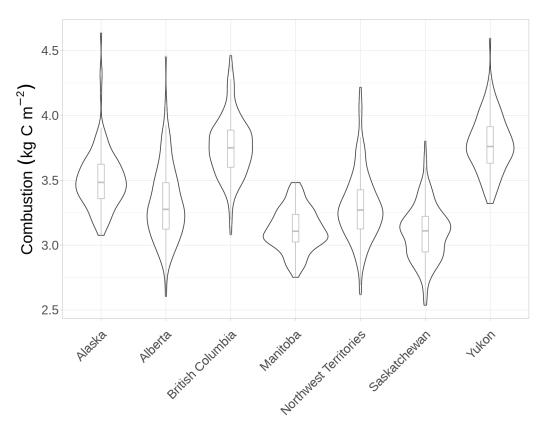


Figure S18. Violin plots of variation in combustion estimates between 2001-2019 for each state and Canadian provinces and territories.

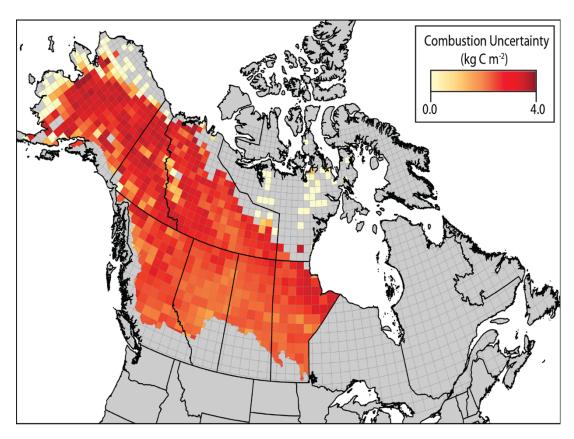


Figure S19. Mean uncertainty in pixel-level combustion derived from the Monte Carlo analysis, aggregated to a 70 km grid.

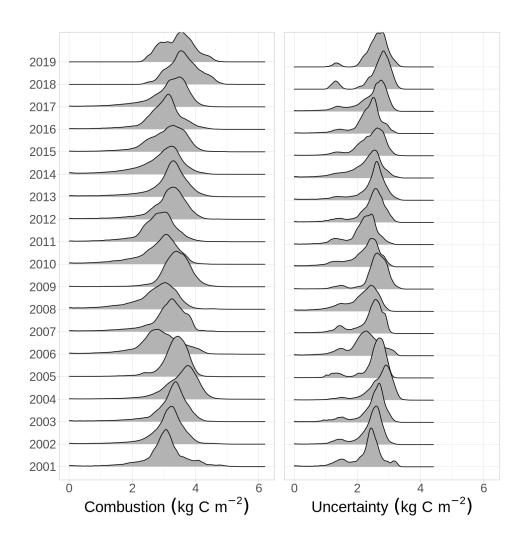


Figure S20. Distributions of predicted combustion and pixel-level uncertainty based on the Monte Carlo analysis for each year in the ABoVE extended domain.

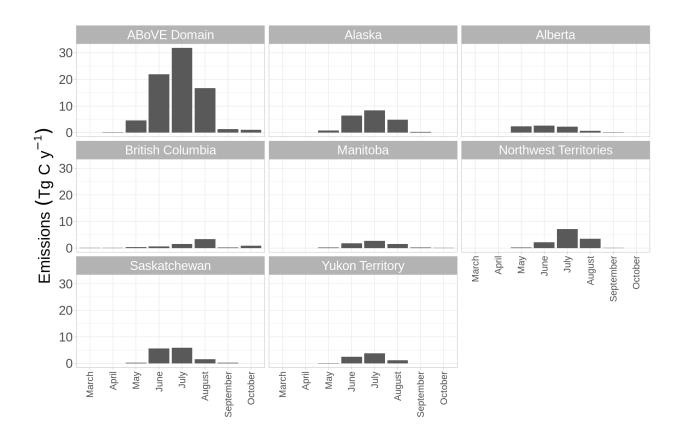


Figure S21. Variation in mean monthly carbon emissions by state / province / territory. December-February are not shown due to small frequency of fire.

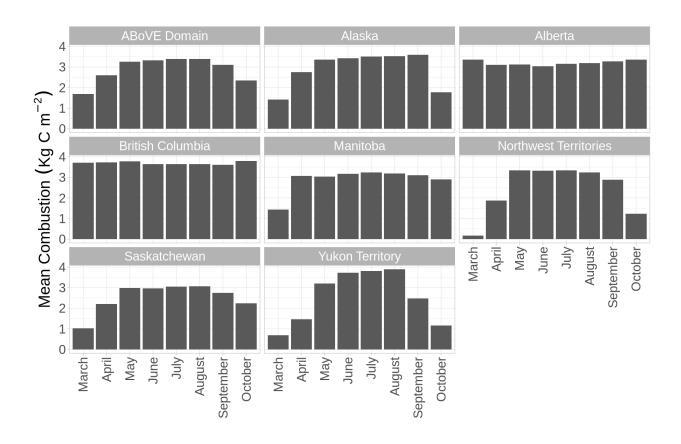


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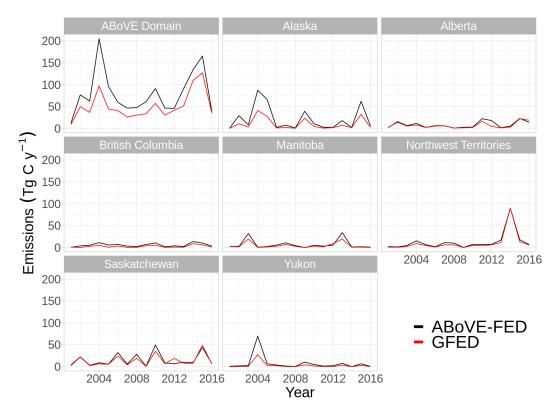


Figure S23. Total carbon emissions for ABoVE-FED and GFED in the ABoVE Domain, Alaska, and Canadian provinces and territories between 2001 -2016.

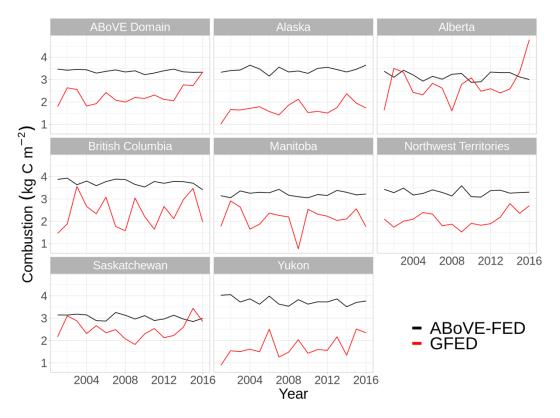


Figure S24. Mean combustion for ABoVE-FED and GFED in the ABoVE Domain, Alaska, and Canadian provinces and territories between 2001 -2016.

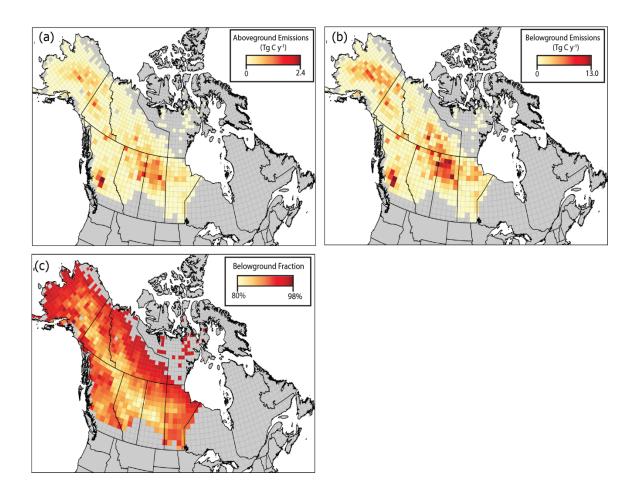


Figure S25. Aboveground carbon emissions (a), belowground carbon emissions (b), and the fraction of total emissions coming from belowground (c) from 2001-2019 aggregated to a 70 km grid.

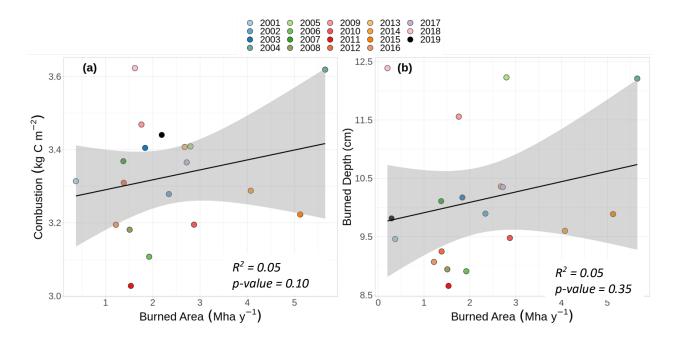


Figure S26. Mean combustion (a) and burn depth (b) as a function of annual burned area. 95% confidence intervals are shown in gray.

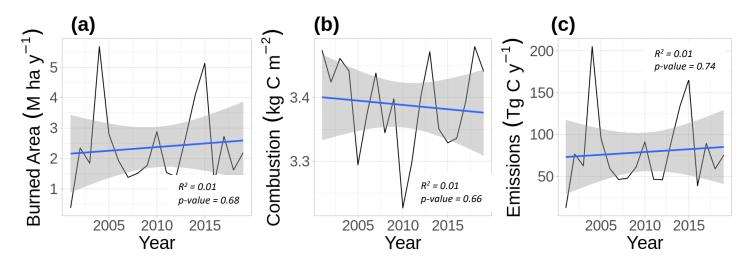


Figure S27. Trends in burned area (a), combustion (b) and emissions (c) 2001-2019. Gray shading shows the 95% confidence interval.

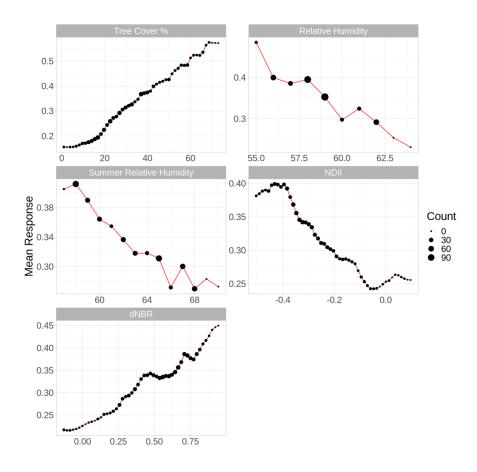


Figure S28. Partial dependence plots for the five most important variables for the primary aboveground combustion model. Counts shown as black dots indicate the number of observations used to calculate the partial dependence in each bin.

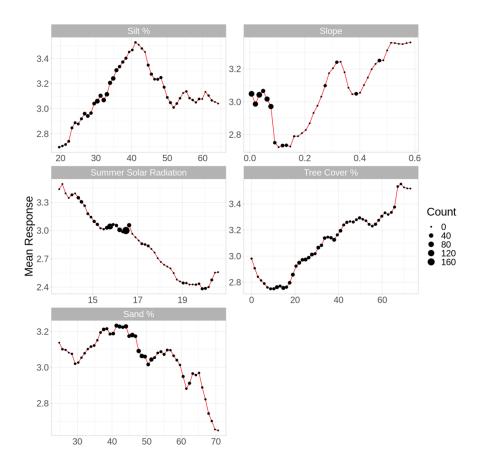


Figure S29. Partial dependence plots for the five most important variables for the primary belowground combustion model. Counts shown as black dots indicate the number of observations used to calculate the partial dependence in each bin.

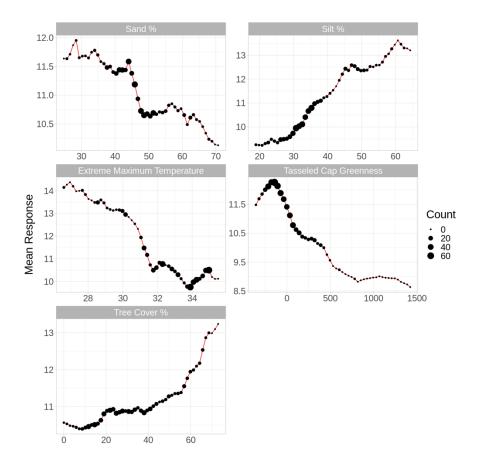


Figure S30. Partial dependence plots for the five most important variables for the primary burn depth model. Counts shown as black dots indicate the number of observations used to calculate the partial dependence in each bin.

Supplemental Tables

Table S1. Existing products compared against ABoVE-FED burned area and emissions. Columns detail their temporal availability, native resolution, spatial domain, and variable of interest as indicated by burned area (BA), carbon combustion (C) or both (BA & C). Temporal availability of the NLFD depends on states and Canadian provinces and territories, but generally begins in the mid 20th-century.

| Product | Temporal Availability | Resolution | Spatial Domain | Variable of Interest |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| Alaska Large Fire Database and Canadian National Fire Database (NLFD) ¹ | <=2001- Present | Vector based | Alaska/Canada | BA |
| Canadian National Burned Area Composite (NBAC) ² | 1985- Present | Vector based | Canada | ВА |
| MCD64A1 Collection 5 | 2001-2015 | 500 m | Global | BA |
| MCD64A1 Collection 6 ³ | 2001- Present | 500 m | Global | BA |
| Alaska Fire Emission Database version 2 | 2001-2015 | 500 m | Alaska, Yukon Territory, Northwestern Territories | BA & C |
| Global Fire Emission Database 4s (GFED 4s) ⁴ | 2001-2016 | 0.25°x 0.25° | Global | BA & C |
| Fire Model Intercomparison Product (FireMIP) ⁵ | 2001-2012 | 0.5° - 2.8125° | Global | BA & C |

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Table S2. Variables initially evaluated for combustion and burn depth models. Any climate variable listing "Summer" represents the 1981-2010 June – August means, and all other variables represent annual means. If a variable does not list "Spring" (March-May) or "Summer" (June-August), it represents an annual mean for the year of fire. Variables marked with "^" indicate they were retained for the primary aboveground combustion model, "*" indicates they were retained for the primary belowground combustion model, and '&' indicates they were retained for the primary burn depth model.

| Variable | Unit | Source |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Clay | % | SoilGrids ¹ *& |
| Sand | % | SoilGrids*& |
| Silt | % | SoilGrids^*& |
| Bulk density | g cm ⁻³ | SoilGrids^*& |
| Soil organic carbon stock | tons ha ⁻¹ | SoilGrids^*& |
| Soil water pH | рН | SoilGrids*& |
| Elevation | Meters | Burns ² ^*& |
| Aspect | Degrees | Burns |
| Slope | Degrees | Burns* |
| Topographic wetness index | Unitless | Burns |
| Permafrost zonation index | 0-1 | Gruber ³ *& |
| Surface ruggedness index | 0-1 | Gruber*& |
| Mean annual temperature | °C | ClimateNA ⁴ |
| Mean summer temperature | °C | ClimateNA |
| Mean maximum annual temperature | °C | ClimateNA*& |
| Mean summer maximum temperature | °C | ClimateNA |
| Mean minimum annual temperature | °C | ClimateNA*& |
| Mean summer minimum temperature | °C | ClimateNA*& |
| Mean annual precipitation | mm/y | ClimateNA& |
| Mean summer precipitation | mm/y | ClimateNA* |
| Mean annual degree days > 18°C | Days | ClimateNA& |
| Mean summer degree days > 18°C | Days | ClimateNA* |
| Mean annual degree days < 18°C | Days | ClimateNA* |
| Mean summer degree days < 18°C | Days | ClimateNA*& |
| Mean annual Degree days > 5°C | Days | ClimateNA^* |
| Mean summer Degree days > 5°C | Days | ClimateNA\$ |
| Mean annual Degree days < 0°C | Days | ClimateNA^*& |
| Mean annual precipitation as snow | Mm/y | ClimateNA*& |
| Mean summer precipitation as snow | Mm/y | ClimateNA |
| Mean annual frost free period | # of Days | ClimateNA |
| Beginning frost free period | Julian Day | ClimateNA |
| Ending frost free period | Julian Day | ClimateNA |
| Mean annual heat moisture index | Unitless | ClimateNA* |
| Mean summer heat moisture index | Unitless | ClimateNA |
| Mean annual reference evapotranspiration | mm/y | ClimateNA* |
| Mean summer reference evapotranspiration | mm/y | ClimateNA& |
| Mean annual climatic moisture deficit | Mm/y | ClimateNA& |

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| Mean summer climatic moisture deficit | mm | ClimateNA* |
| Mean annual relative humidity | Unitless | ClimateNA^& |
| Mean summer relative humidity | Unitless | ClimateNA^ |
| Mean annual solar radiation | MJ m ⁻² d ⁻ | ClimateNA* |
| Mean summer solar radiation | MJ m ⁻² d ⁻ | ClimateNA* |
| Mean annual warmest month temperature | °C | ClimateNA |
| Mean annual coldest month temperature | °C | ClimateNA |
| Temperature Differential of warmest and | °C | ClimateNA& |
| coldest month | | |
| Extreme maximum temperature 1981 - 2010 | °C | ClimateNA*& |
| Extreme minimum temperature 1981 - 2010 | °C | ClimateNA^*& |
| Buildup Index | Unitless | GFWED ⁵ ^& |
| Drought Code | Unitless | GFWED* |
| Duff Moisture Code | Unitless | GFWED& |
| Daily Severity Rating | Unitless | GFWED |
| Initial Spread Index | Unitless | GFWED |
| Fine Fuel Moisture Code | Unitless | GFWED |
| Fire Weather Index | Unitless | GFWED |
| Vapor Pressure Deficit | mm | GFWED |
| Wind Speed | km/hour | GFWED* |
| Relative Humidity | Unitless | GFWED*& |
| Temperature | °C | GFWED |
| NDVI | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ⁶ *& |
| NDII | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ⁷ ^*& |
| dNBR | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ⁸ ^*& |
| RdNBR | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ⁹ ^*& |
| RBR | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ¹⁰ ^*& |
| Tasselled Cap Greeness | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ¹¹ *& |
| Tasselled Cap Wetness | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ¹¹ *& |
| Tasselled Cap Brightness | Unitless | Landsat/MODIS ¹¹ ^*& |
| Tree cover | Percent | Sexton ¹² ^*& |
| Day of Burn | Julian Day | Walker et al. 2020 ¹³ *& |
| Jack Pine | Percent | Beaudoin & Ottmar ¹⁴ * |
| White Spruce | Percent | Beaudoin & Ottmar ¹⁴ *& |
| Black Spruce | Percent | Beaudoin & Ottmar ¹⁴ *& |
| Deciduous | Percent | Beaudoin & Ottmar ¹⁴ *& |
| Grass/Shrub | Percent | Beaudoin & Ottmar ¹⁴ |
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| Other Conifers | Percent | Beaudoin & Ottmar ¹⁴ |

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Table S3. Final model parameters selected for the primary ranger random forest model.

| Model | Number of variables sampled at each split | Split Rule | Minimum Node Size |
|---------------------------|---|------------|-------------------|
| Aboveground Combustion | 10 | extraTrees | 5 |
| Belowground Combustion | 7 | extraTrees | 5 |
| Burn Depth | 9 | extraTrees | 7 |

Table S4. Comparison of ABoVE-FED total carbon emissions and mean per-pixel combustion against AKFED fires in 2004, Walker et al., 2018 for the 2014 Northwest Territories (NWT) fires, Deielemen et al., 2020 for the 2015 Saskatchewan (SK) fires, and GFED4s for 2001-2016 fires in the ABoVE-extended domain. Uncertainty in emissions and mean combustion are shown when available.

| Domain, year | Source | Total Emissions (Tg C y ⁻¹) | Mean combustion (kg C m ⁻²) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| | ABoVE-FED | 89.7 (±38.60) | 2.89 (±1.16) |
| Northwest Territories, 2014 | Walker et al. (2018) | 94.3 (± 7.9) | 3.31 (±0.30) |
| Territories, 2014 | AKFED | 164 (± 32) | 4.81 |
| Saskatchewan, | ABoVE-FED | 39.17 (±18.47) | 2.43 (±1.21) |
| 2015 | Dieleman et al. (2020) | 36.3 (± 15.0) | 2.5 (1.10) |
| Alaska, 2001- 2015 | ABoVE-FED | 22.2 (±10.14) | 3.34 (±1.46) |
| | AKFED | 18.9 | 3.03 |
| Northwest | ABoVE-FED | 12.2 (±5.15) | 3.29 (±1.11) |
| Territories, 2001-2015 | AKFED | 18.8 | 3.44 |
| Yukon Territory, | ABoVE-FED | 7.49 (± 4.00) | 3.71 (±1.90) |
| 2001-2015 | AKFED | 5.00 | 2.26 |
| ABoVE extended | ABoVE-FED | 80 (±21.67) | 3.39 (±1.17) |
| domain, 2001- 2016 | GFED | 51 | 2.30 |

Table S5. Multiple regression results in Alaska and the ABoVE Extended Domain when regressing depth of burn and belowground combustion against annual burned area and Julian day of burn (DOB). * Indicates significant slopes at p-value <= 0.05 and ** indicates significant slopes at p-values <= 0.01. Multiple regression models were implemented using both the field dataset used in model training and a sample of 500 pixels between 2001-2019 from ABoVE-FED.

| Area of Interest | Database | Independent | Burned Area | DOB slope |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Variable | slope | |
| Alaska | Field | Burn Depth | 0.431 | 0.0006 |
| | ABoVE-FED | Belowground | 0.126** | 0.0010 |
| | | Combustion | | |
| ABoVE Extended | Field | Burn Depth | 1.11** | -0.013** |
| Domain | ABoVE-FED | Belowground | 0.0223 | 0.00162* |
| | | Combustion | | |

Table S6. Influence of Julian day of burn (DOB) on burn depth and belowground combustion in years of differing burned area, represented by quantiles. Quantile 1 contains the smallest fire years, and quantile 4 the largest. * Indicates significant slopes at p-value <= 0.05 and ** indicates significant slopes at p-values <= 0.01. Multiple regression models were implemented using both the field dataset used in model training and a sample of 500 pixebetween 2001-2019 from ABoVE-FED.

| Area of Interest | Database | Independent Variable | Quantile | DOB slope |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Alaska | | | 1 | -0.0324 |
| | Field | Burn Depth | 2 | 0.0699* |
| | | | 3 | 0.0181 |
| | | | 4 | -0.0399 |
| | | | 1 | -0.0047* |
| | ABoVE-FED | Burn Depth | 2 | -0.0081* |
| | | | 3 | 0.0116** |
| | | | 4 | 0.0052 |
| | | Dala are ad | 1 | 0.0037** |
| | Field | Belowground | 2 | 0.0014** |
| | | Combustion | 3 | 0.0019** |
| | | | 4 | 0.0003** |
| | | Dala are ad | 1 | 0.0582** |
| | ABoVE-FED | Belowground Combustion | 2 | 0.0240 |
| | | | 3 | 0.0018** |
| | | | 4 | -0.0002 |
| ABoVE Extended Domain | Field | Burn Depth | 1 | -0.0012 |
| | | | 2 | -0.0131 |
| | | | 3 | -0.0281 |
| | | | 4 | 0.0278 |
| | | | 1 | 0.0155** |
| | ABoVE-FED | Burn Depth | 2 | 0.0042** |
| | | | 3 | 0.0077** |
| | | | 4 | 0.0052** |
| | Field | Belowground Combustion | 1 | 0.0054** |
| | | | 2 | 0.0029** |
| | | | 3 | 0.0021** |
| | | | 4 | 0.0036** |
| | ABoVE-FED | Dolousanous d | 1 | 0.0155** |
| | | Belowground Combustion | 2 | 0.0042** |
| | | | 3 | 0.0079** |
| | | | 4 | 0.0052** |

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