The USDA Forest Service builds the Tree Canopy Cover component of the CONUS-wide National Land Cover Database (NLCD). Photo-interpreted canopy cover reference sites along with geospatial predictor layers, including Landsat imagery, spectral derivatives, time-series analysis, and topographic data, were used to develop the predictive map models. The modeling was carried out using the random forests algorithm.

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