

**Table S1.** Additional vegetation indices.

| Index   | Formula   | Reference              |
|---|---|------------------------|
| SAVI<br>(soil-adjusted vegetation index)            | $(1+0.5)(R_{860} - R_{670}) / (R_{860} + R_{670} + 0.5)$  | Huete 1988             |
| OSAVI<br>(optimized soil-adjusted vegetation index) | $(1+0.16)(R_{860} - R_{670}) / (R_{860} + R_{670} + 0.16)$  | Rondeaux et al. 1996   |
| MSAVI<br>(modified soil-adjusted vegetation index)  | $\frac{(2 * R_{860} + 1 - \sqrt{(2 * R_{860} + 1)^2 - 8 * (R_{860} - R_{670})})}{2}$  | Qi et al. 1994         |
| ATSAVI<br>(Adjusted transformed soil index)         | $[a * (R_{860} - a * R_{670} - b)] / [a * R_{860} + R_{670} - a * b + 0.08 * (1 + a^2)]$<br>Where a and b are the parameters of the soil line | Baret and Guyot 1991   |
| TVI<br>(triangular vegetation index)                | $0.5 * [120 * (R_{750} - R_{550}) - 200 * (R_{670} - R_{550})]$   | Broge and Leblanc 2001 |
| TGI<br>(triangular greenness index)                 | $-0.5 * [(R_{670} - R_{480}) * (R_{570} - R_{550}) - (R_{670} - R_{550}) * (R_{670} - R_{480})]$  | Hunt et al. 2011       |

**Table S2.** RMSE and R<sup>2</sup> values for fractional cover metrics, ordered by cover type and then from lowest to highest validation library RMSE. This table duplicates Table 4 in the paper, but adds the indices listed in Table S1.

| Cover<br>Type | Metric  | Training |                | Validation |                |
|---------------|---|----------|----------------|------------|----------------|
|               |   | RMSE     | R <sup>2</sup> | RMSE       | R <sup>2</sup> |
| GV            | NDVI  | 0.115    | 0.865          | 0.115      | 0.845          |
| GV            | SFA   | 0.108    | 0.880          | 0.115      | 0.841          |
| GV            | OSAVI   | 0.123    | 0.845          | 0.118      | 0.836          |
| GV            | TVI   | 0.130    | 0.826          | 0.121      | 0.824          |
| GV            | ATSAVI  | 0.132    | 0.822          | 0.122      | 0.826          |
| GV            | PLS   | 0.075    | 0.942          | 0.125      | 0.807          |
| GV            | SAVI  | 0.134    | 0.814          | 0.128      | 0.807          |
| GV            | EVI   | 0.133    | 0.817          | 0.130      | 0.794          |
| GV            | MSAVI   | 0.139    | 0.802          | 0.132      | 0.794          |
| GV            | NDII  | 0.138    | 0.805          | 0.147      | 0.753          |
| GV            | MESMA   | 0.136    | 0.846          | 0.149      | 0.793          |
| GV            | TGI   | 0.164    | 0.724          | 0.175      | 0.636          |
| NPV           | PLS   | 0.102    | 0.873          | 0.164      | 0.641          |
| NPV           | SFA   | 0.175    | 0.627          | 0.176      | 0.587          |
| NPV           | CAI   | 0.187    | 0.572          | 0.177      | 0.618          |
| NPV           | MESMA   | 0.159    | 0.711          | 0.181      | 0.592          |
| NPV           | LCA   | 0.201    | 0.509          | 0.211      | 0.476          |
| NPV           | hSINDRI                                       | 0.261    | 0.167          | 0.256      | 0.157          |
| Soil          | PLS   | 0.089    | 0.933          | 0.126      | 0.850          |
| Soil          | MESMA   | 0.144    | 0.831          | 0.135      | 0.832          |
| Soil          | 1- (GV <sub>NDVI</sub> + NPV <sub>CAI</sub> ) | 0.197    | 0.736          | 0.141      | 0.870          |
| Soil          | 1- (GV <sub>SFA</sub> + NPV <sub>SFA</sub> )  | 0.175    | 0.748          | 0.167      | 0.804          |

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