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UAV LiDAR surveys and machine learning improve snow depth and water equivalent estimates in boreal landscapes

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Table S1. The UAV flight parameters from the field campaigns.

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| Flight parameters | | Equipment settings | |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Speed | 7 m/s | Wavelength | 905 nm |
| Altitude | 80 m | Laser pulse repetition rate | 240 Hz |
| Distance between flight | | Accuracy (50 m nadir) | 3 cm |
| lines | | | |
| Ground overlap (%) | 70 % | Return type | Up to 3 returns |
| Point density | 463.4 points/m² (Sodankylä) 244.18 points/m² (Pallas) | | |

RMSE comparison: This study (solid) vs. Geissler et al. 2024 (dashed)

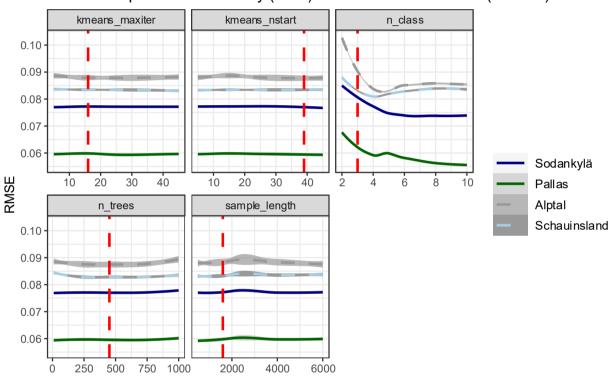


Figure S 1. RMSE of the ClustSnow model parametrizations. Two solid lines represent the sites of this study, Sodankylä and Pallas, and dashed ones are marking the RMSE of previous studies by Geissler et al. (2025).

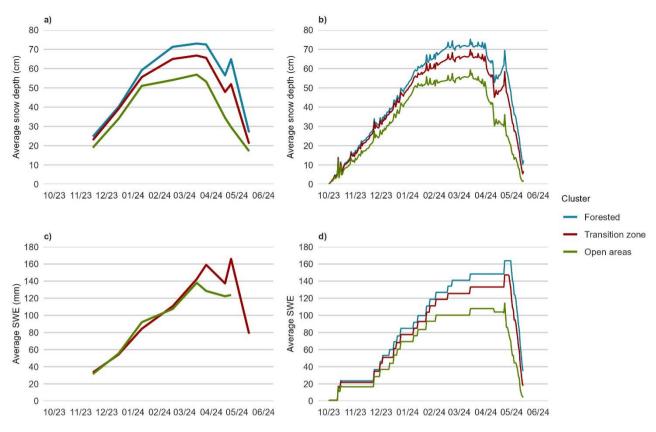


Figure S2. Sodankylä snow course measurements and model outputs for different clusters. Snow depth from snow course (a) and model (b) and SWE from snow course (c) and model (d).

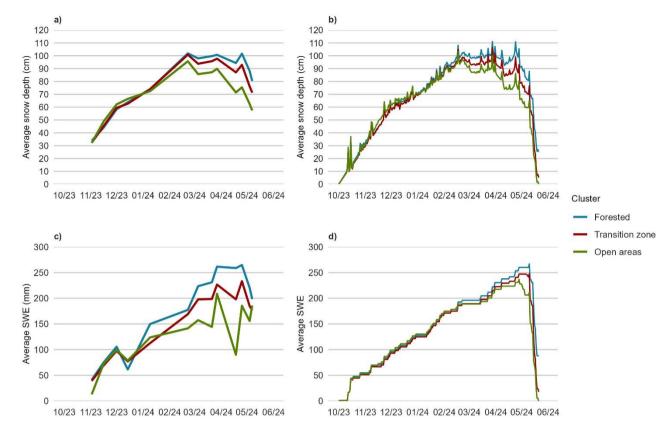


Figure S3. Pallas snow course measurements and model outputs for different clusters. Snow depth from snow course (a) and model (b) and SWE from snow course (c) and model (d).

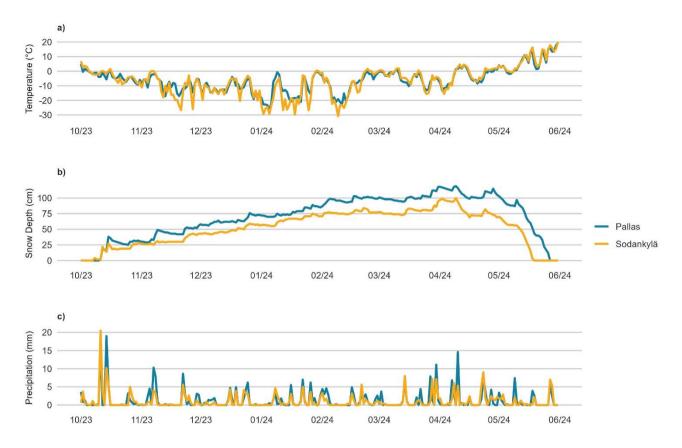


Figure S4. Daily weather data from both sites during the field season 2023-2024. Upmost average temperature (a), snow depth (b), and precipitation (c). Data: FMI.