

Overview

The project proposal states it aims to use LIDAR and other remote sensing to produce the following key deliverables:

maps of the following metrics for all formations with tree or shrub cover:

- Near surface fuel height and cover (%)
- Elevated fuel height and cover (%)
- Canopy height and cover (%)

The pilot is being run over three areas: Pilliga, Central Coast and Snowy-Monaro

datasets:

For each area the following raster layers have been produced:

- X-fuels-classes-2021-density.tif : fuel loads (t/ha) for litter, surface, elevated and bark.
- X-vegetation-canopy_base_height-2021.tif : base of the canopy (m)
- X-vegetation-canopy_cover-2021.tif : canopy cover (%)
- X-vegetation-canopy_height-2021.tif : canopy height (m)
- X-vegetation-ladder_fuel_density-2021.tif : ladder fuel load, assumed to be (t/ha)

note:

it is not clear how these layers can be used to produce near surface or elevated fuel height or cover.

In [2]:

```
import rioxarray as rxr
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import rasterio
from rasterio.plot import show, show_hist
```

Fuel Loads

In [32]:

```
## Fuel Loads
fuel_load_paths = {
    'pilliga': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Pilliga-fuels-classes-2021-density.tif',
    'central': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Centralcoast-fuels-classes-2021-density.tif',
    'snowy': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Southmnts-fuels-classes-2021-density.tif',
}

fuel_loads = {}

strata = ['litter', 'surface', 'elevated', 'bark']

for loc, path in fuel_load_paths.items():
    # Read the file
    r = rxr.open_rasterio(path)
    # Get the strata
    strata_r = r.read(1)
    # Create a mask for each strata
    mask_litter = strata_r == 1
    mask_surface = strata_r == 2
    mask_elevated = strata_r == 3
    mask_bark = strata_r == 4
    # Create a new array with the fuel loads
    fuel_loads[loc] = np.zeros_like(strata_r)
    # Set the fuel loads for each strata
    fuel_loads[loc][mask_litter] = r.read(1)[mask_litter]
    fuel_loads[loc][mask_surface] = r.read(1)[mask_surface]
    fuel_loads[loc][mask_elevated] = r.read(1)[mask_elevated]
    fuel_loads[loc][mask_bark] = r.read(1)[mask_bark]
```

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with rasterio.open(path, 'r') as src:
    load_dic = {}
    for i, stratum in enumerate(strata):
        load_dic[stratum] = src.read(i+1) #GDAL indexed from 1
fuel_loads[loc] = load_dic

```

Basic description statistics

Best overall appreciation from histograms

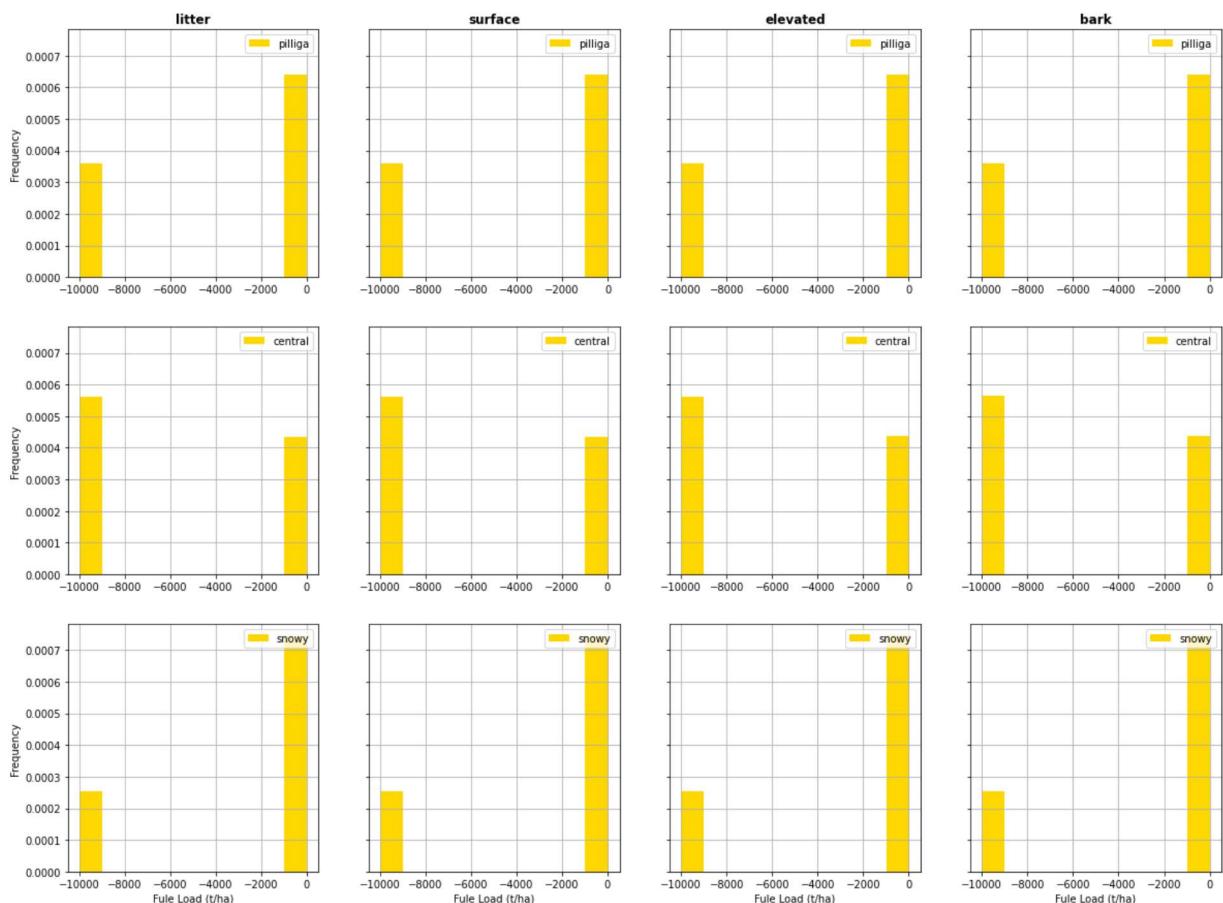
In [53]:

```

fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(fuel_loads),len(strata), sharey=True, figsize=(20,15))
for loc_id, (loc, strata) in enumerate(fuel_loads.items()):
    for stratum_id, (stratum, data) in enumerate(strata.items()):
        ax = axes[loc_id,stratum_id]
        show_hist(
            data,
            label= loc,
            title= stratum,
            ax = ax,
            density=True,
        )
        ax.set_xlabel('Fuel Load (t/ha)')
        if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
        if loc_id < (len(fuel_loads)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)
        if stratum_id: ax.yaxis.label.set_visible(False)

# for ax in axes: ax.set_xlabel('Fuel Load (t/ha)')
plt.show()

```



It is obvious from the binomial distribution in the plots that the data need to be cleaned. It

seems that a value of -9999 was used to indicate no data. All values less than 0 were removed.

In [56]:

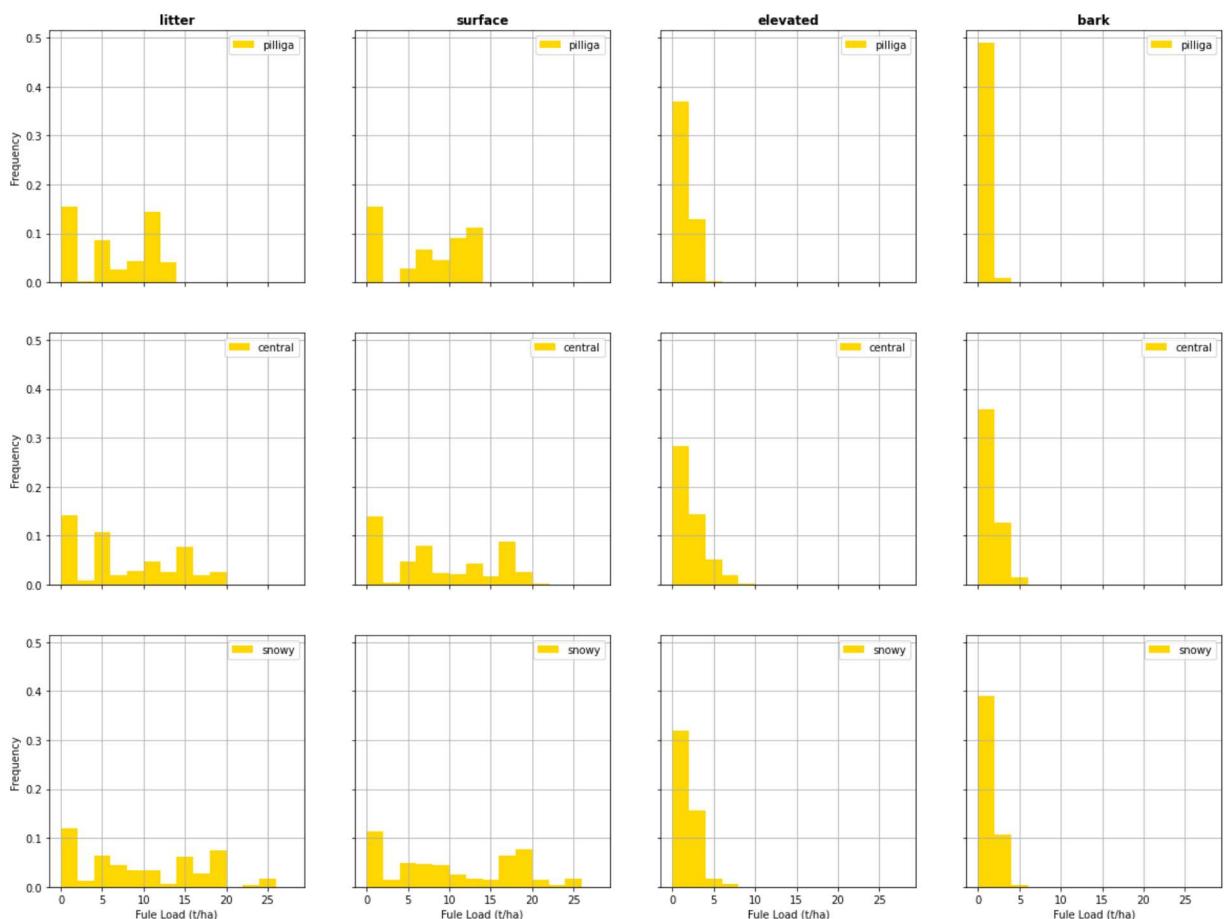
```
for loc, strata in fuel_loads.items():
    for stratum, data in strata.items():
        data = np.where(data < 0, np.nan, data)
        fuel_loads[loc][stratum] = data
```

histograms cleaned

In [64]:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(fuel_loads),len(strata), sharey=True, sharex=True, figsize=[x for x in range(0,30,2)])
for loc_id, (loc, strata) in enumerate(fuel_loads.items()):
    for stratum_id, (stratum, data) in enumerate(strata.items()):
        ax = axes[loc_id,stratum_id]
        show_hist(
            data,
            label= loc,
            title= stratum,
            ax = ax,
            density=True,
            bins=bins,
        )
        ax.set_xlabel('Fuel Load (t/ha)')
        if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
        if loc_id < (len(fuel_loads)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)
        if stratum_id: ax.yaxis.label.set_visible(False)

# for ax in axes: ax.set_xlabel('Fuel Load (t/ha)')
plt.show()
```



Canopy Base Height (m)

In [66]:

```
## Canopy Base Height
cbh_paths = {
    'pilliga': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Pilliga-vegetation-canopy_base_height-2021.tif',
    'central': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Centralcoast-vegetation-canopy_base_height-2022.tif',
    'snowy': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Southmnts-vegetation-canopy_base_height-2021.tif'
}

canopy_bh = {}

for loc, path in cbh_paths.items():
    with rasterio.open(path, 'r') as src:
        cbh = src.read() #GDAL indexed from 1
        canopy_bh[loc] = cbh
```

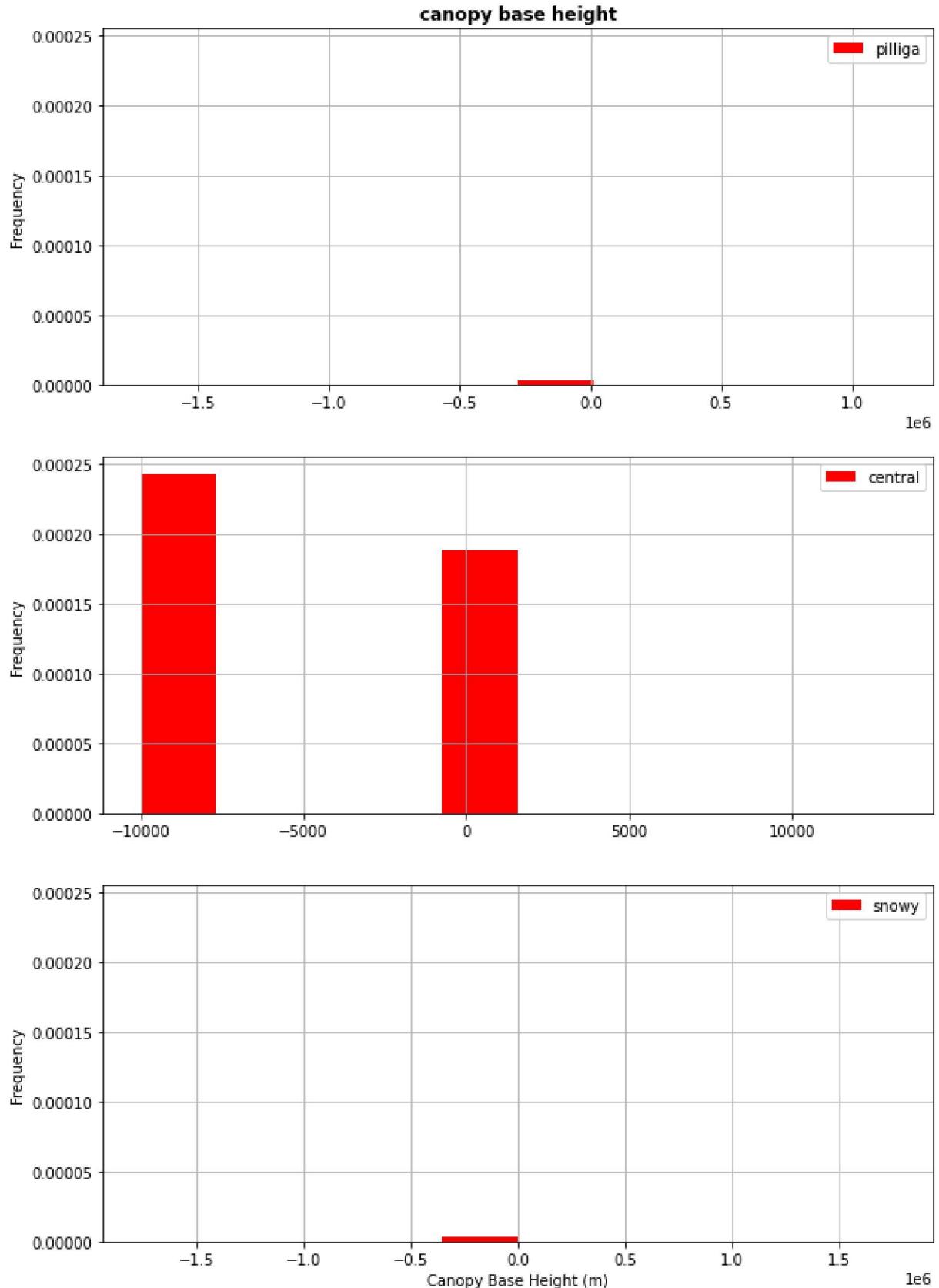
Histograms - raw data

In [68]:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(canopy_bh), 1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
for loc_id, (loc, cbh) in enumerate(canopy_bh.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        cbh,
        label= loc,
        title= 'canopy base height',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Canopy Base Height (m)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_bh)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)
    # if stratum_id: ax.yaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```



Shows -9999 used as flag but also indicates some large values which need to be cleaned. Restrict data to values between 0 and 30 m

```
In [71]: for loc, cbh in canopy_bh.items():
    cbh = np.where(cbh < 0, np.nan, cbh)
    cbh = np.where(cbh > 30, np.nan, cbh)
    canopy_bh[loc] = cbh
```

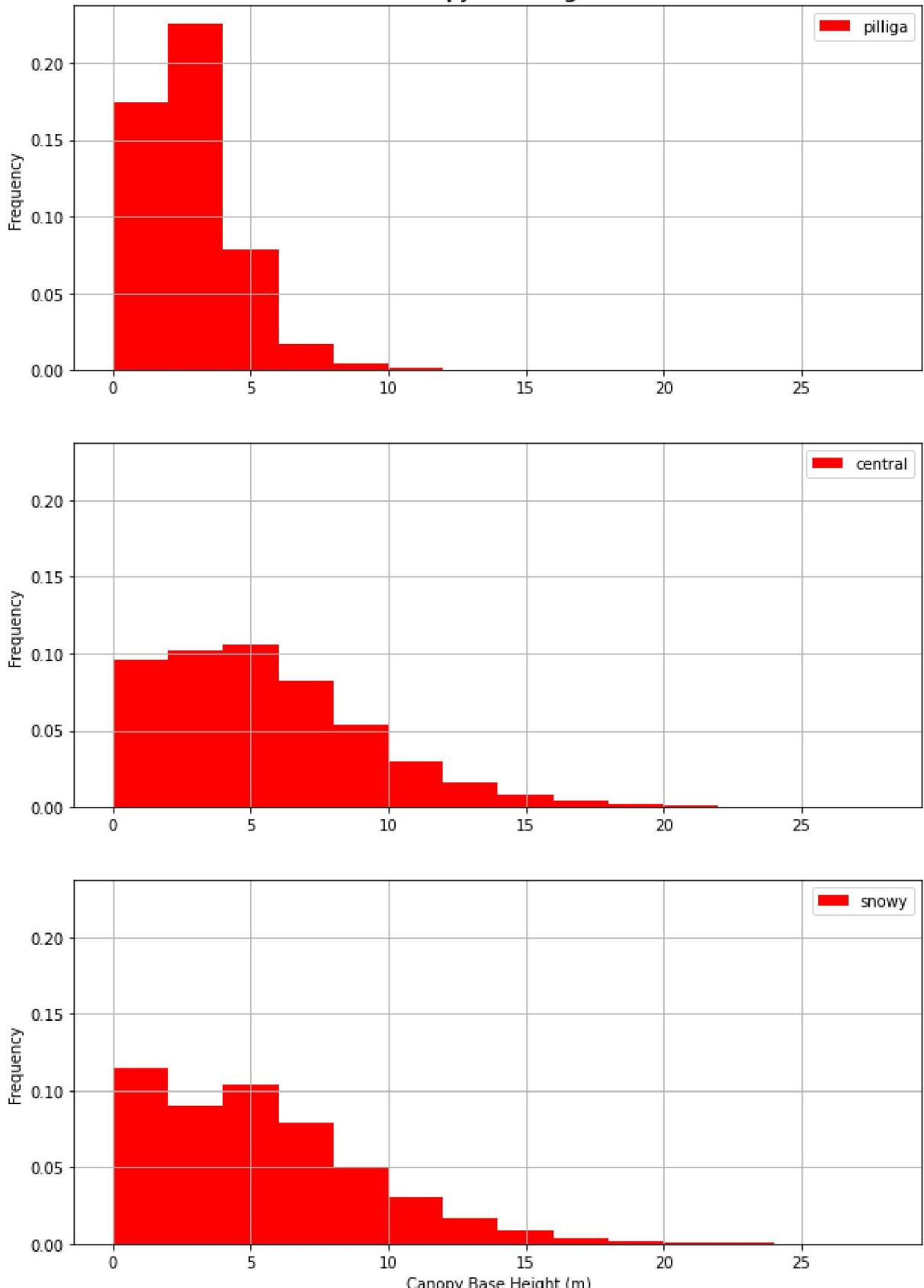
Histograms cleaned

In [73]:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(canopy_bh),1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
bins=[x for x in range(0,30,2)]
for loc_id, (loc, cbh) in enumerate(canopy_bh.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        cbh,
        label= loc,
        title= 'canopy base height (m)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
        bins=bins
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Canopy Base Height (m)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_bh)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)
    # if stratum_id: ax.yaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```

canopy base height

Canopy Cover (%)

In [3]:

```
cc_paths = {
    'pilliga': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Pilliga-vegetation-canopy_cover-2021.tif',
    'central': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Centralcoast-vegetation-canopy_cover-2021.tif',
    'snowy': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Southmnts-vegetation-canopy_cover-2021.tif',
}
```

```
canopy_cov = {}

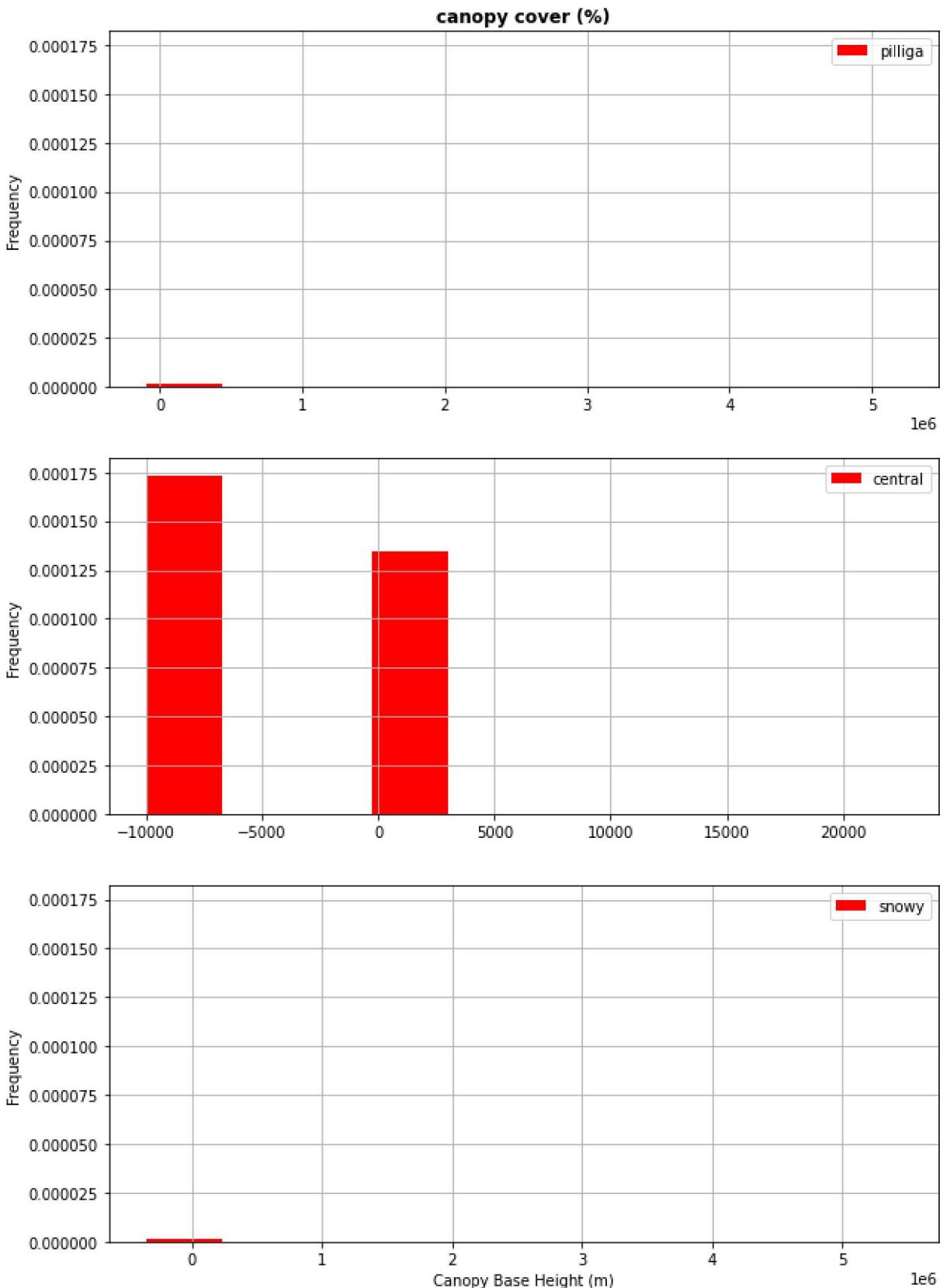
for loc, path in cc_paths.items():
    with rasterio.open(path, 'r') as src:
        cc = src.read() #GDAL indexed from 1
    canopy_cov[loc] = cc
```

Histograms raw

```
In [5]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(canopy_cov),1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
for loc_id, (loc, cc) in enumerate(canopy_cov.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        cc,
        label= loc,
        title= 'canopy cover (%)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Canopy Cover (%)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_cov)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)
    # if stratum_id: ax.yaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```



clean to keep values between 0 and 100

```
In [6]: for loc, cc in canopy_cov.items():
    cc = np.where(cc < 0, np.nan, cc)
    cc = np.where(cc > 100, np.nan, cc)
    canopy_cov[loc] = cc
```

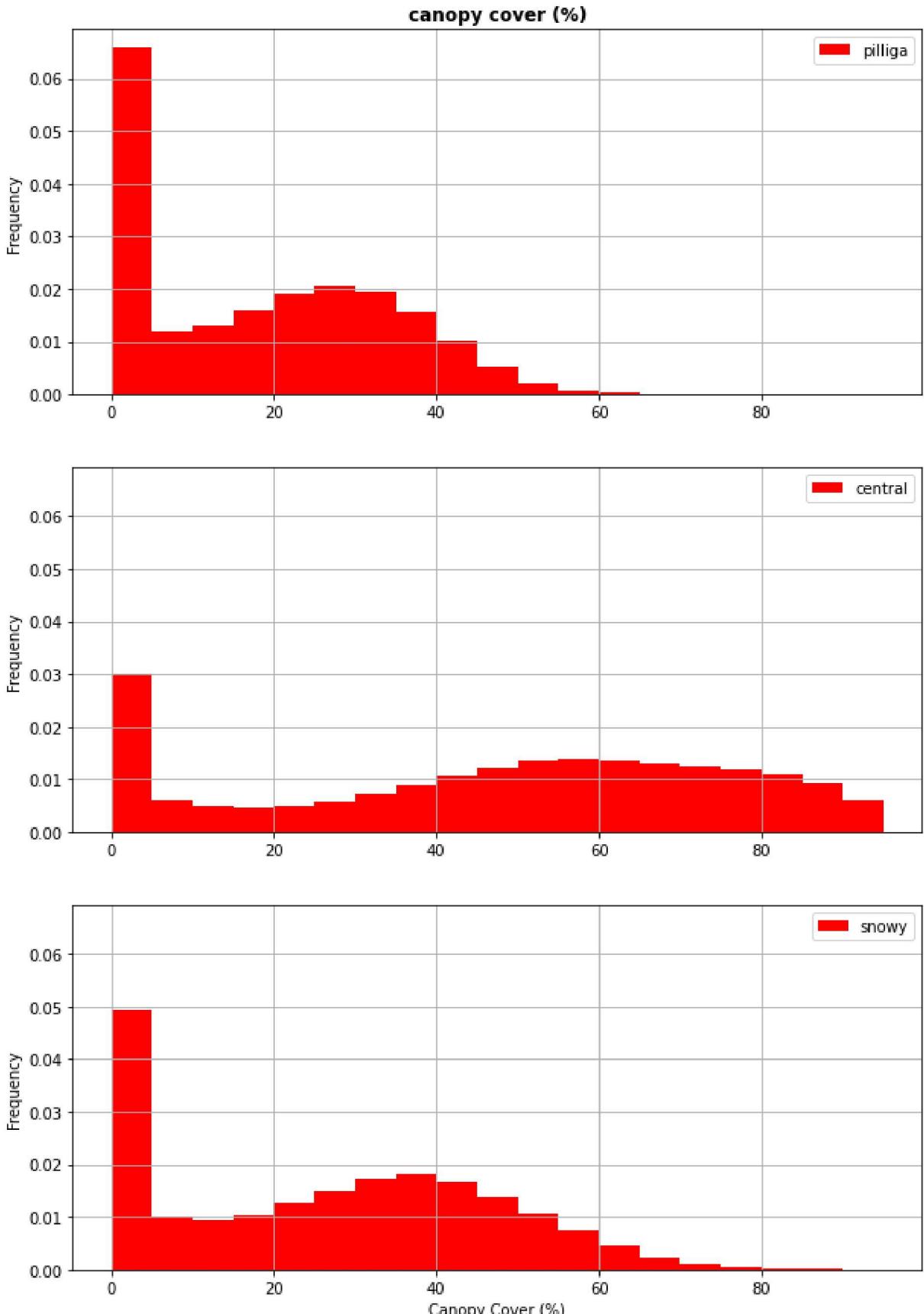
Histogram cleaned

```
In [7]:
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(canopy_cov),1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
bins=[x for x in range(0,100,5)]
for loc_id, (loc, cc) in enumerate(canopy_cov.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        cc,
        label= loc,
        title= 'canopy cover (%)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
        bins=bins
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Canopy Cover (%)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_cov)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```



Canopy Height (m)

In [9]:

```
ch_paths = {
    'pilliga': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Pilliga-vegetation-canopy_height-2021.tif',
    'central': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Centralcoast-vegetation-canopy_height-2021.tif',
    'snowy': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Southmnts-vegetation-canopy_height-2021.tif',
}
```

```
canopy_h = {}

for loc, path in ch_paths.items():
    with rasterio.open(path, 'r') as src:
        ch = src.read() #GDAL indexed from 1
    canopy_h[loc] = ch
```

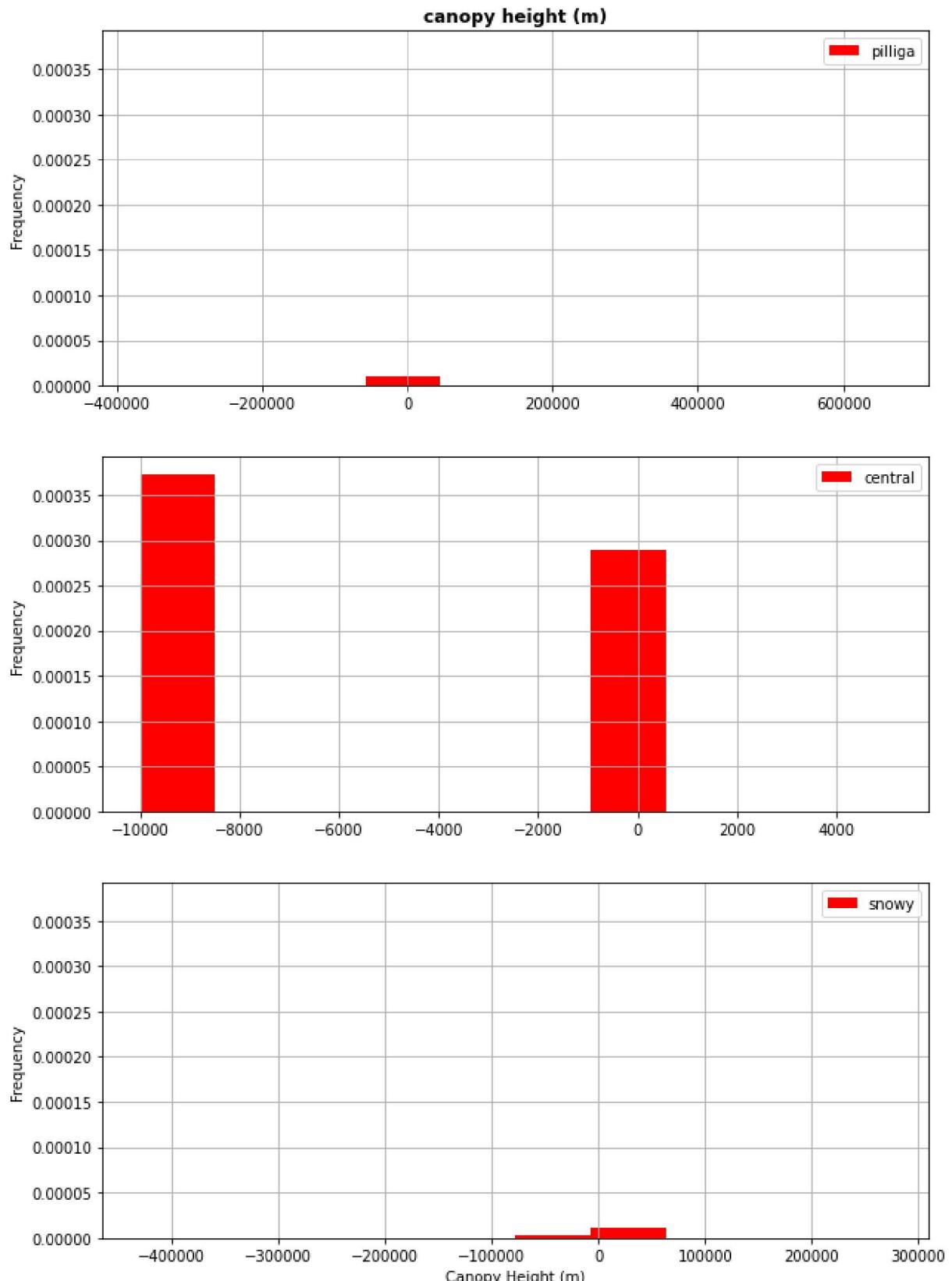
Histograms Raw - Canopy Height

In [10]:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(canopy_h),1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
for loc_id, (loc, ch) in enumerate(canopy_h.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        ch,
        label= loc,
        title= 'canopy height (m)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Canopy Height (m)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_h)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```



clean to keep values between 0 and 30 m

```
In [11]: for loc, ch in canopy_h.items():
    ch = np.where(ch < 0, np.nan, ch)
    ch = np.where(ch > 30, np.nan, ch)
    canopy_h[loc] = ch
```

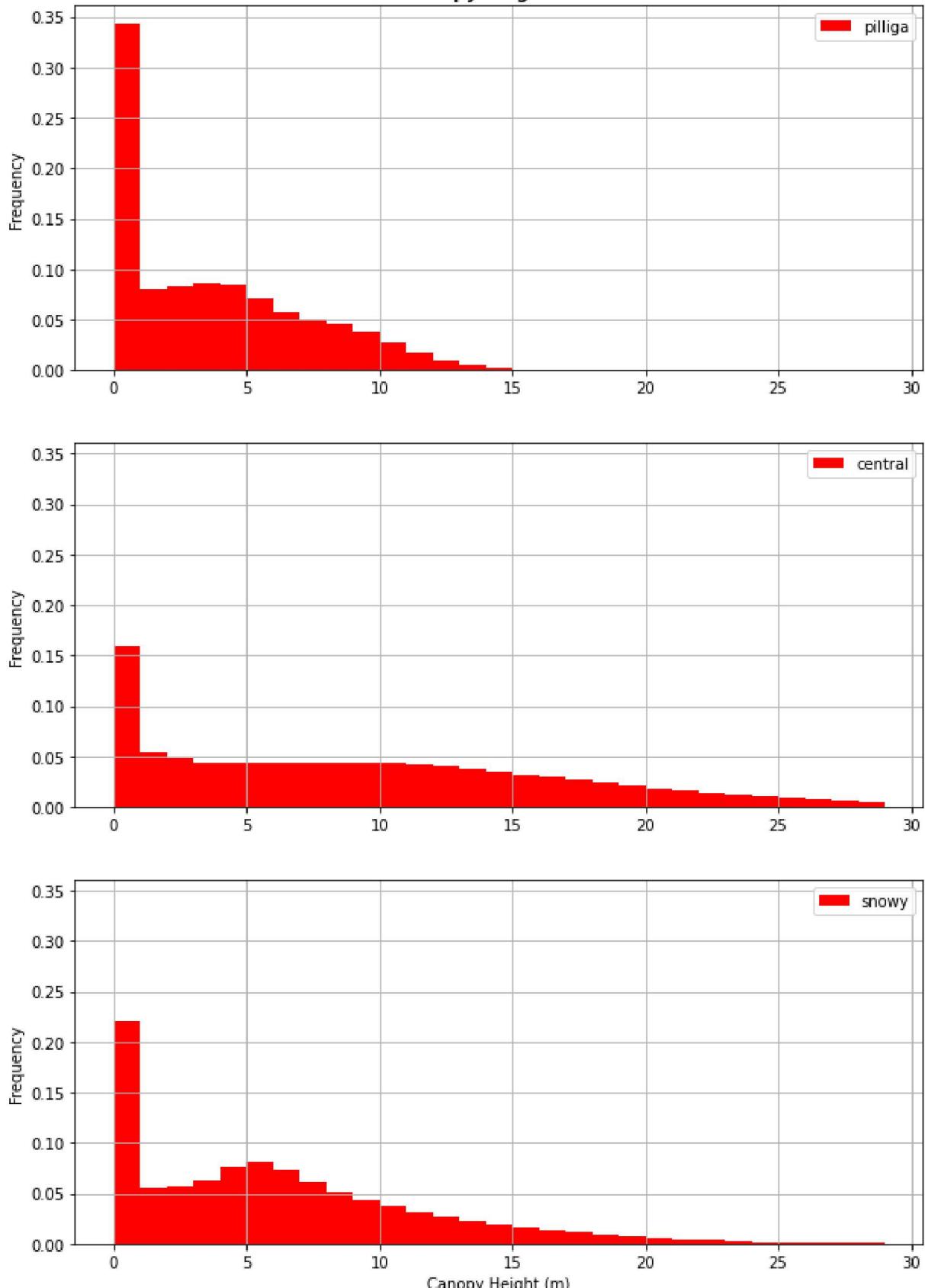
Histogram cleaned

```
In [13]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(canopy_h), 1, sharey=True, figsize=(10, 15))
```

```
bins=[x for x in range(0,30,1)]
for loc_id, (loc, ch) in enumerate(canopy_h.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        ch,
        label= loc,
        title= 'canopy height (m)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
        bins=bins
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Canopy Height (m)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_h)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```

canopy height (m)

Ladder Fuel Density (t/ha)

In [18]:

```
lfd_paths = {
    'pilliga': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Pilliga-vegetation-ladder_fuel_density-2021.tif',
    'central': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Centralcoast-vegetation-ladder_fuel_density-2021.tif',
    'snowy': 'analyses/Spatial_data/Southmnts-vegetation-ladder_fuel_density-2021.tif'
}
```

```
lfd = {}

for loc, path in lfd_paths.items():
    with rasterio.open(path, 'r') as src:
        lf = src.read()
    lfd[loc] = lf
```

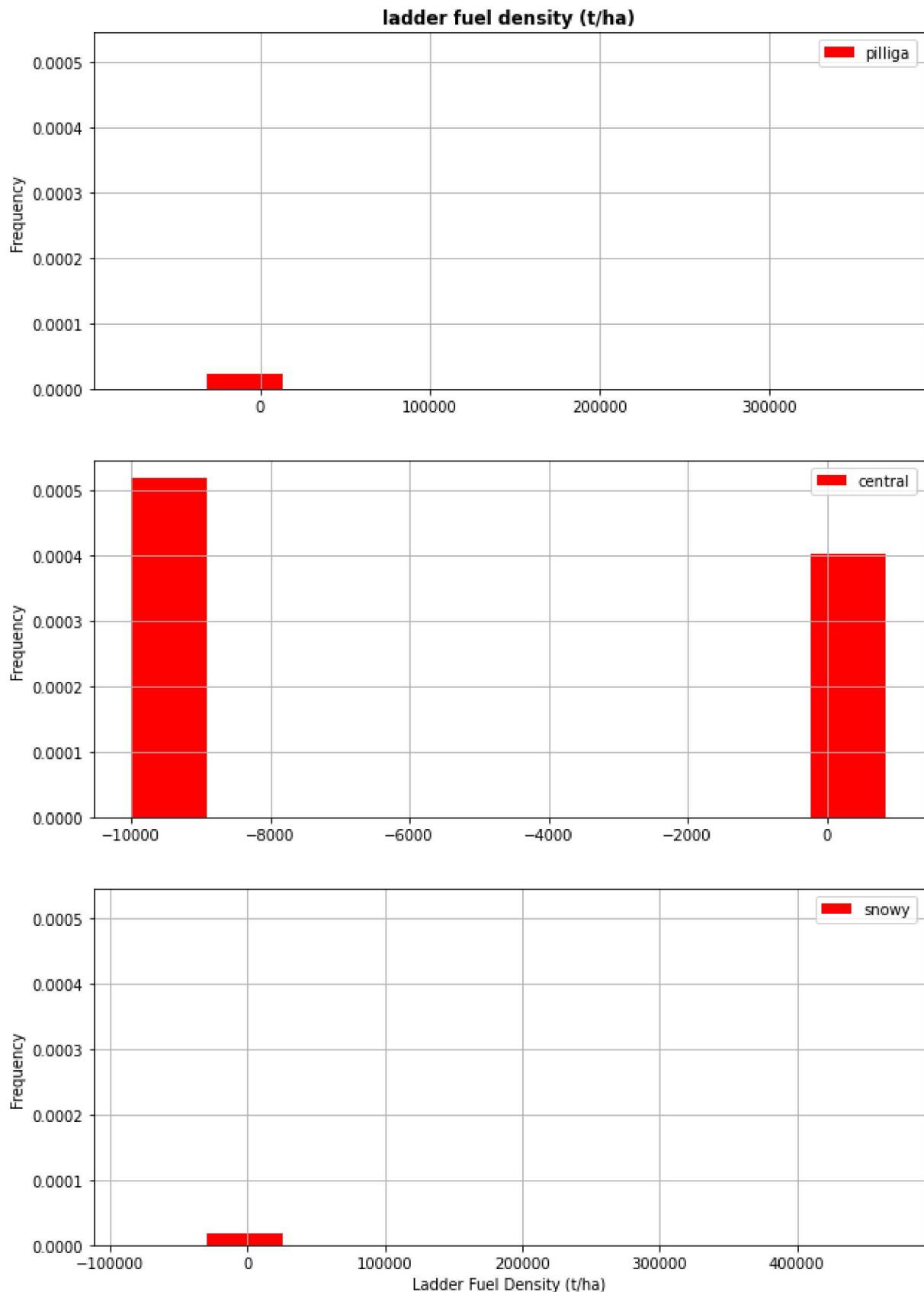
Histograms Raw - Ladder Fuel Density

In [15]:

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(lfd),1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
for loc_id, (loc, lf) in enumerate(lfd.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        lf,
        label= loc,
        title= 'ladder fuel density (t/ha)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Ladder Fuel Density (t/ha)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(lfd)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```



clean to keep values between 0 and 40 t/ha

```
In [19]: for loc, lf in lfd.items():
    lf = np.where(lf < 0, np.nan, lf)
    lf = np.where(lf > 40, np.nan, lf)
    lfd[loc] = lf
```

Histogram cleaned

```
In [20]: fig, axes = plt.subplots(len(lfd),1, sharey=True, figsize=(10,15))
bins=[x for x in range(0,40,2)]
for loc_id, (loc, lfd) in enumerate(lfd.items()):

    ax = axes[loc_id]
    show_hist(
        lf,
        label= loc,
        title= 'ladder fuel density (t/ha)',
        ax = ax,
        density=True,
        bins=bins
    )
    ax.set_xlabel('Ladder Fuel Density (t/ha)')
    if loc_id: ax.title.set_visible(False)
    if loc_id < (len(canopy_h)-1): ax.xaxis.label.set_visible(False)

plt.show()
```

ladder fuel density (t/ha)