Scientific Computing: Coursework Part 1

This report aims to provide assessment of environmental variables, specifically discharge, temperature, and snow cover at the Del Norte monitoring station of Colorado, USA. A further purpose of this report is the preparation of data collected at the Del Norte site for future hydrological modelling utilising datasets of the aforementioned variables.

Data will be sourced from http://climate.colostate.edu (temperature) and http://climate.colostate.edu (temperature) and http://waterdata.usgs.gov (discharge). An assessment of the HUC catchment 13010001 Rio Grande headwaters (Colorado, USA) will be undertaken to understand snow cover in the region. Data in this study will be sourced from: https://nsidc.org/data/MOD10A1

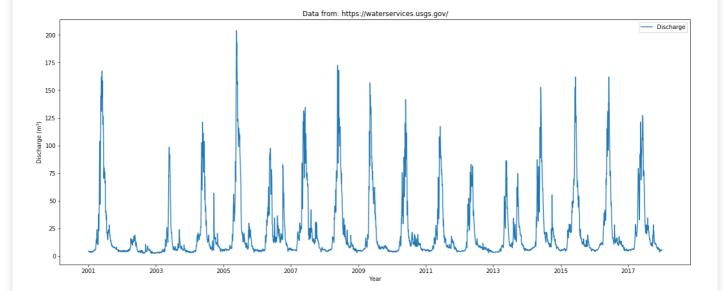
Some basic geographical data on the station is given below:

Station Name: DEL NORTE 2E Latitude: -106.30833 Longitude: 37.69083 Elevation: 7845 ft.

Discharge at Del Norte Monitoring Station

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In [192]:
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# Necessary module imports.
import requests
import datetime
import numpy as np
from io import StringIO
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
# Given url from practical instructions.
url = "https://waterservices.usgs.gov/nwis/dv/?sites=08220000&format=rdb&startDT=2001-01-
01&parameterCd=00060"
discharge dataset = requests.get(url).text
# Having opened the text file from the given url, the first 30 lines are background information or
# Grabbing the discharge data in column 3 into an array.
discharge = np.loadtxt(StringIO(discharge dataset), skiprows=30, usecols=[3], delimiter="\t", unpac
# Grabbing the string formatted dates in column 2 into an array.
dates = np.loadtxt(StringIO(discharge dataset), dtype=str, skiprows=30, usecols=[2], delimiter="\t"
, unpack=True)
# Convert dates into a datetime friendly format:
dates = [date.replace("-", "/") for date in dates]
# Converting the string formatted dates array for compatiblity with matplotlib.
# Information on using strptime in this form was taken from:
# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9627686/plotting-dates-on-the-x-axis-with-pythons-matplotlib
x axis = [datetime.datetime.strptime(date,'%\%\%m/\%d').date() for date in dates]
# Converting discharge into metric units from cubic feet given below ratio.
conversion to cubicm = 0.0283168
discharge = discharge * conversion to cubicm
# Plotting a figure for all years of discharge measured.
plt.figure(figsize=(20,8))
plt.plot(x_axis, discharge, label='Discharge')
plt.title(f"Data from: {url[0:31]}")
plt.xlabel('Year')
plt.ylabel('Discharge (m3)')
plt.legend(loc='best')
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In [193]:

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import pandas as pd
# Creating a list of strings in the format 2001/01/01 which can be used to find index values.
years = []
for i in range(2002,2018):
    years.append(str(i)+"/01/01")
# Creating a loop to run through the dates array and return the index of the start of each year.
indices = []
for year in years:
    indices.append(dates.index(year))
# Converting the above placeholder list into an array.
indices = np.asarray(indices)
# Splitting the discharge array into yearly sub-arrays based on the indexed years formed above.
discharge_year = np.split(discharge, indices, axis=0)
# Creating placeholder lists for summary statistics.
mean = []
mini = []
argmin = []
maxi = []
argmax = []
stdev = []
# Looping through sub arrays to perform summary statistics.
for i in range (0, 17):
   mean.append(discharge_year[i].mean())
   mini.append(discharge_year[i].min())
   argmin.append(discharge year[i].argmin())
   maxi.append(discharge_year[i].max())
    argmax.append(discharge_year[i].argmax())
    stdev.append(discharge year[i].std())
# Display options for pandas dataframe table, specifically to reduce floats to 2dp where appropria
te.
pd.options.display.float format = '{:,.2f}'.format
print("Summary statistics for discharge (m³) at Del Norte monitoring station, Colorado 2001-17:")
# Creating a table using pandas to display summary statistics
df = pd.DataFrame({ "Year": range(2001,2018),
                    "Mean": mean,
                   "StDev": stdev,
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"Minimum": mini,
"Minimum Time (doy)": argmin,
"Maximum": maxi,
"Maximum Time (doy)": argmax
})
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Summary statistics for discharge (m³) at Del Norte monitoring station, Colorado 2001-17:

Out[193]:

	Year	Mean	StDev	Minimum	Minimum Time (doy)	Maximum	Maximum Time (doy)
0	2001	28.37	40.65	3.40	16	167.35	147
1	2002	6.03	3.77	2.49	227	19.00	139
2	2003	12.49	18.63	2.55	37	98.54	143
3	2004	20.59	26.45	2.83	4	120.91	141
4	2005	31.05	43.17	3.45	332	203.88	141
5	2006	22.30	22.33	3.96	20	97.41	142
6	2007	27.78	32.07	3.68	327	134.50	156
7	2008	27.70	36.03	2.97	349	172.45	141
8	2009	23.20	33.32	3.96	343	156.59	127
9	2010	21.10	27.08	3.40	8	141.58	148
10	2011	19.66	25.06	3.68	339	117.23	157
11	2012	15.87	19.09	2.97	316	82.97	127
12	2013	17.98	17.90	3.40	4	86.37	137
13	2014	24.98	30.17	4.39	361	152.63	149
14	2015	26.01	31.63	4.53	53	161.97	161
15	2016	26.04	33.68	3.96	9	161.97	157
16	2017	27.00	30.19	3.68	339	127.14	156

Having looked at the data for all years plotted and summarised statistically above, the years 2016 and 2017 will be selected as they display a fairly typical seasonal discharge cycle but there is some variance between the years which will make for an interesting comparison between the two. Sequential years have been chosen so that changes to the system are less likely to be effected by wider changes in climate which might occur over a span of ten or more years.

Discharge at Del Norte Monitoring Station (2016/17)

In [194]:

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plt.plot(argmin[i], mini[i], "go", label="Minimum "+ Str(2001+1), Color = "l")

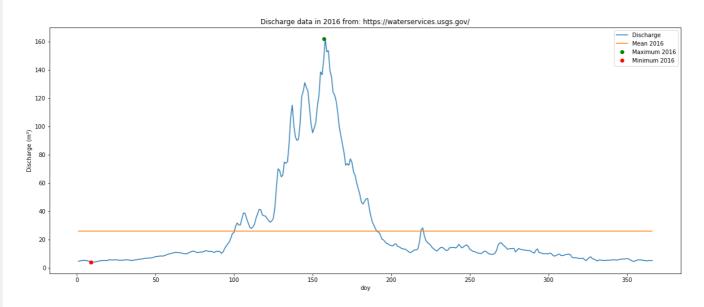
plt.title("Discharge data in " + str(2001+i) + f" from: {url[0:31]}")

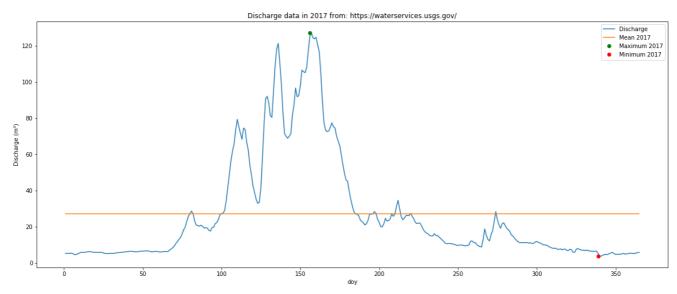
plt.xlabel('doy')

plt.ylabel('Discharge (m³)')

plt.legend(loc='best')
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Individual plots of seasonal discharge for the years 2016/17:





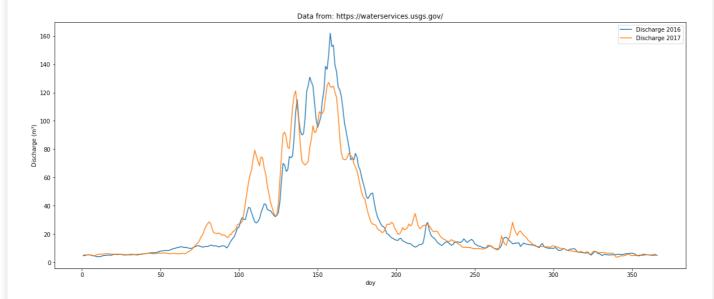
In [195]:

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# Plotting a grouped graph of discharge for each of the selected years.
print("Shared plot of seasonal discharge for the years 2016/17:")
plt.figure(figsize=(20,8))

for i in range(15,17):
    # Creating an x-axis in this way to compensate for the extra day in 2016 whilst being able to.
..
    # plot the 2 years together
    x_axis = np.arange(1, (len(discharge_year[i])+1))
    plt.plot(x_axis, discharge_year[i], label="Discharge " + str(2001+i))

plt.title(f"Data from: {url[0:31]}")
    plt.xlabel('doy')
    plt.ylabel('Discharge (m³)')
    plt.legend(loc='best')
```

Shared plot of seasonal discharge for the years 2016/17:



Conclusions:

Whilst the years 2016 and 2017 saw fairly similar patterns of discharge behavior at the monitoring site, there are some notable differences. Mean discharge was lower in 2016 at 26.04 (stdev 3.96) in comparison to 27.00 (stdev 3.68) in 2017 although the peak in early summer was more pronounced in 2016 at 167.97 compared to 127.14.

As shown in the graph above the 2017 cycle had a few more significant instances of early pulse events as well as smaller events after doy 200 which may be responsible for the mean discharge over the course of the year being increased.

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In [223]:
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# Saving the datasets.
# header = ["discharge"]
# use zip to load into a dictionary

discharge_2016 = discharge_year[15]
discharge_2017 = discharge_year[16]

filename16 = "discharge_DN_2016.npz"
filename17 = "discharge_DN_2017.npz"

np.savez_compressed(filename16,discharge_2016)
np.savez_compressed(filename17,discharge_2017)
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Temperature at Del Norte Monitoring Station

Data for maximum temperature, minimum temperature, precipitation, and snowfall were downloaded from http://climate.colostate.edu/data_access.html for the site Del Norte 2E to cover the period ranging 2016/01/01 - 2017/12/31.

Whilst the precipitation and snowfall data may not be immediately useful there may be some basic comparative and modelling applications when looking at the relationships between discharge, snow cover, and temperature.

After downloading and following some basic formatting in Excel the data for each year was saved down in .csv format in order to be compatible for loading as an array.

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In [197]:
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# Assigning the given filenames to variables.
filename_2016 = "Del_Norte2E_2016.csv"
filename_2017 = "Del_Norte2E_2017.csv"
# Loading in the data from the .csv, and converting the date column into the datetime format.
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DN2E2016 = np.loadtxt("data/"+filename 2016, dtype=object, skiprows=1, delimiter=",", unpack=True)
DN2E2016[0] = [date.replace("-", "/") for date in DN2E2016[0]]
DN2E2016[0] = [datetime.datetime.strptime(date, '%Y/%m/%d').date() for date in DN2E2016[0]]
DN2E2017 = np.loadtxt("data/"+filename 2017, dtype=object, skiprows=1, delimiter=",", unpack=True)
DN2E2017[0] = [date.replace("-", "/") for date in DN2E2017[0]]
DN2E2017[0] = [datetime.datetime.strptime(date,'%Y/%m/%d').date() for date in DN2E2017[0]]
# Using genfromtxt to replace placeholder values in dataset where data was missing or incomplete,
with NaN.
for i in range (1, 5):
    DN2E2016[i] = np.genfromtxt(DN2E2016[i])
for i in range (1, 5):
   DN2E2017[i] = np.genfromtxt(DN2E2017[i])
# Splitting array into individual parts for statistical analysis.
dates2016 = DN2E2016[0]
maxtemp2016 = DN2E2016[1]
# Converting to Celcius from fahrenheit.
maxtemp2016 = (maxtemp2016 - 32)*5/9
mintemp2016 = DN2E2016[2]
# Converting to Celcius from fahrenheit.
mintemp2016 = (mintemp2016 - 32)*5/9
pcpn2016 = DN2E2016[3]
snow2016 = DN2E2016[4]
# Duplicating process for 2017
dates2017 = DN2E2017[0]
maxtemp2017 = DN2E2017[1]
# Converting to Celcius from fahrenheit.
maxtemp2017 = (maxtemp2017 -32)*5/9
mintemp2017 = DN2E2017[2]
# Converting to Celcius from fahrenheit.
mintemp2017 = (mintemp2017 -32)*5/9
pcpn2017 = DN2E2017[3]
snow2017 = DN2E2017[4]
# Creating a list of dataset names of the above variables to use in the following for loop.
datasets = [maxtemp2016, mintemp2016, pcpn2016, snow2016, maxtemp2017, mintemp2017, pcpn2017, snow2
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mean = []
mini = []
argmin = []
maxi = []
argmax = []
stdev = []
# As above, creating a list of indexed statistics for each year and each of the downloaded variable
# Use of np.nan statistics where necessary to avoid using NaN values in calculations.
for dataset in datasets:
   mean.append(np.nanmean(dataset, axis=0, dtype=float))
   mini.append(np.nanmin(dataset, axis=0))
   argmin.append(dataset.argmin())
   maxi.append(np.nanmax(dataset, axis=0))
    argmax.append(dataset.argmax())
    stdev.append(np.nanstd(dataset, axis=0, dtype=float))
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Summary Statistics - Temperature:

In [198]:

Summary statistics for Maximum temperature ($^{\circ}$ C) at Del Norte 2E monitoring station, Colorado 2016-17:

Out[198]:

	Year	Mean Max Temp	StDev	Lowest Max Temp	Low Time (doy)	Highest Max Temp	High Time (doy)
0	2016	15.22	10.12	-11.67	9	31.67	171
1	2017	15.76	9.25	-10.56	7	31.11	174

In [199]:

Summary statistics for Minimum temperature ($^{\circ}$ C) at Del Norte 2E monitoring station, Colorado 2016-17:

Out[199]:

	Year	Mean Min Temp	StDev	Lowest Min Temp	Low Time (doy)	Highest Min Temp	High Time (doy)
0	2016	-1.55	8.24	-20.56	11	12.78	215
1	2017	-0.68	7.73	-19.44	6	13.89	205

In [200]:

Summary statistics for Precipitation (m) at Del Norte 2E monitoring station, Colorado 2016-17:

Out[200]:

	Year	Mean Pcpn	StDev	Lowest Pcpn	Highest Pcpn	High (doy)
0	2016	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.72	106
1	2017	0.03	0.10	0.00	0.88	0

In [201]:

Summary statistics for Snowfall (m) at Del Norte 2E monitoring station, Colorado 2016-17:

Out[201]:

	Year	Mean Snowfall	StDev	Lowest Snowfall	Highest Snowfall	High (doy)
0	2016	0.13	0.64	0.00	6.80	106
1	2017	0.12	0.72	0.00	7.80	0

Plotting Temperature:

In [202]:

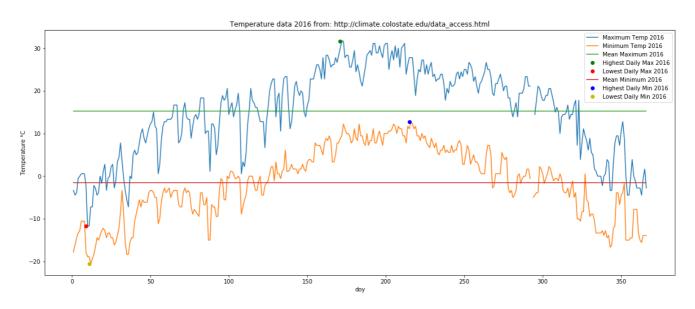
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url = "http://climate.colostate.edu/data access.html"
print ("Please note: Gaps in data are due to missing measurements replaced by NaN values.")
# Creating a plot for temperature 2016.
plt.figure(figsize=(20,8))
# Creating a dynamic x-axis/doy based on the length of the dataset.
x axis = np.arange(1, (len(dates2016)+1))
plt.plot(x_axis, maxtemp2016, label="Maximum Temp 2016")
plt.plot(x_axis, mintemp2016, label="Minimum Temp 2016")
# Correctly creating an axis for a mean (fixed value) line taken from the notes of Exercise 2.5.2
plt.plot([x_axis[0], x_axis[-1]], [mean[0], mean[0]], label= "Mean Maximum 2016")
# Plotting min and max values by doy, although it may be obvious.
plt.plot(argmax[0], maxi[0], "go", label="Highest Daily Max 2016", color = "g")
plt.plot(argmin[0], mini[0], "go", label="Lowest Daily Max 2016", color = "r")
plt.plot([x_axis[0], x_axis[-1]], [mean[1], mean[1]], label= "Mean Minimum 2016")
# Plotting min and max values by doy, although it may be obvious.
plt.plot(argmax[1], maxi[1], "go", label="Highest Daily Min 2016", color = "b")
plt.plot(argmin[1], mini[1], "go", label="Lowest Daily Min 2016", color = "y")
plt.title("Temperature data 2016" + f" from: {url}")
plt.xlabel('dov')
plt.ylabel('Temperature °C')
plt.legend(loc='best')
# Creating a plot for temperature 2017.
plt.figure(figsize=(20,8))
# Creating a dynamic x-axis/doy based on the length of the dataset.
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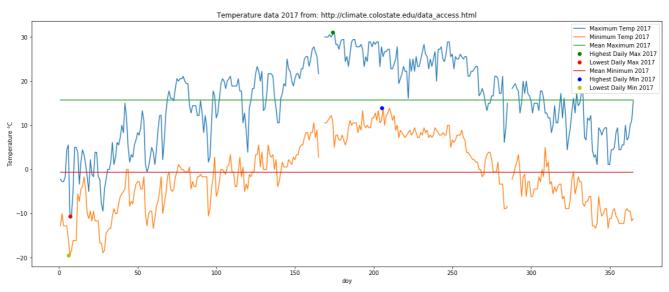
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x axis = np.arange(1, (len(dates2U1/)+1))
plt.plot(x_axis, maxtemp2017, label="Maximum Temp 2017")
plt.plot(x_axis, mintemp2017, label="Minimum Temp 2017")
# Correctly creating an axis for a mean (fixed value) line taken from the notes of Exercise 2.5.2
\texttt{plt.plot([x\_axis[0], x\_axis[-1]], [mean[4], mean[4]], label= "Mean Maximum 2017")}
# Plotting min and max values by doy, although it may be obvious.
plt.plot(argmax[4], maxi[4], "go", label="Highest Daily Max 2017", color = "g")
plt.plot(argmin[4], mini[4], "go", label="Lowest Daily Max 2017", color = "r")
plt.plot([x_axis[0], x_axis[-1]], [mean[5], mean[5]], label= "Mean Minimum 2017")
# Plotting min and max values by doy, although it may be obvious.
plt.plot(argmax[5], maxi[5], "go", label="Highest Daily Min 2017", color = "b")
plt.plot(argmin[5], mini[5], "go", label="Lowest Daily Min 2017", color = "y")
plt.title("Temperature data 2017" + f" from: {url}")
plt.xlabel('doy')
plt.ylabel('Temperature °C')
plt.legend(loc='best')
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Please note: Gaps in data are due to missing measurements replaced by NaN values.

Out[202]:

<matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7efc38a75ef0>





Conclusions:

It is clear from the above graphical output and summary tables that the years 2016 and 2017 experienced fairly similar seasonal cycles at the Del Norte 2E station. Notably 2016 was on average a degree colder than 2017 - although this could be explained by missing data in the summer period of the latter - as well as experiencing a marked lower lowest minimum temperature and lowest

maximum temperature. The range of temperatures experienced at the station is also quite remarkable, presumably due to the mountainous climate and elevation there is a real annual flux in the maximum daily temperatures recorded of around 30 degrees, and minimum temperatures of 20 degrees below freezing in the winter.

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In [230]:
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# Saving the datasets.
# header = ["doy", "maximum temp", "minimum temp", "precipitation", "snowfall"]
# use zip to load into a dictionary
DN2E_TPS_2016 = DN2E2016
DN2E_TPS_2017 = DN2E2017

filename16 = "DN2E_TPS_2016.npz"
filename17 = "DN2E_TPS_2017.npz"

np.savez_compressed(filename16,DN2E_TPS_2016)
np.savez_compressed(filename17,DN2E_TPS_2017)
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Snow Cover For HUC Catchment 13010001

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In [300]:
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import datetime

# Defining a tile and base url for snow cover data download.

tile = 'h09v05'
base_url = 'https://n5eil01u.ecs.nsidc.org/MOST/MOD10A1.006/'

# start = datetime.datetime(2016,1,1)
urls = [base_url + (start + datetime.timedelta(i)).strftime('%Y.%m.%d') + '/' for i in range(0,731)]
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In []:

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import geog0111.nasa_requests as nasa_requests
import numpy as np
# Loading user/pass combo as cylog failed repeatedly.
user, pas = np.loadtxt('/home/ucfatac/.userpass', dtype=str)
# Edited from Lewis' get modis tiles with assistance from Feng due to constant denial of access to
Nasa snow cover...
# site via previous methods.
for url in urls:
   with requests.Session() as session:
        # get password-authorised url
       session.auth = (user,pas)
       r1 = session.request('get',url)
        # this gets the url with codes for login etc.
       r2 = session.get(r1.url)
        # Split at start of filename "href="" with attention to correct data type.
        ret1 = [i.split('href="')[1] for i in r2.content.decode().split('\n') if ('MOD10A1' in i) &
('.hdf"><img' in i)]
                # After scanning through HTML data split at end of filename.
        fnames = [i.split('"><img ')[0] for i in ret1]</pre>
        {\it \# Create \ a \ link \ for \ the \ specfic \ file \ based \ on \ the \ above \ base\_url \ and \ trimmed \ file \ names}
        links = [url + i for i in fnames]
        for ,link in enumerate(links):
            # Enumerate through links looking for the specific relevant tile.
            # Write down to file in given directory.
            if tile in fnames[]:
                r = session.get(link)
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In []:

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for file_name in filenames:
    # form full filename as a string
    # and print with an underline of =
    file_name = Path(file_name[0:4]).joinpath(file_name[5:]).as_posix()
    print(file_name)
    print('='*len(file_name))

# open the file as g
g = gdal.Open(file_name)
# loop over the subdatasets
for d in g.GetSubDatasets():
    print(d)
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In []:

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from glob import glob

filenames = glob('data/MOD10A1*')

# Checking the data for the correct sub-dataset.

for file_name in filenames:
    # form full filename as a string
    # and print with an underline of =
    file_name = Path(file_name[0:4]).joinpath(file_name[5:]).as_posix()
    print(file_name)
    print('='*len(file_name))

# open the file as g
g = gdal.Open(file_name)
# loop over the subdatasets
for d in g.GetSubDatasets():
    print(d)
```

In [134]:

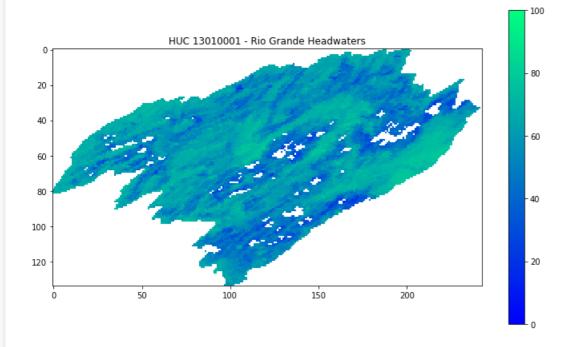
```
# Imported from 3.4 GDAL stacking and interpolating:
# Edited where appropriate to fir the demands of the data.
def find_files(year, doy,folder):
   """Find the files that have been downloaded.
   Keyword arguments:
    year -- The year of interest (int).
    doy -- The doy of interest (int).
    folder -- The directory for which to search for files (str).
    data folder = Path(folder)
    # Find all MOD files
    files = []
    sel_files = data_folder.glob(f"MOD10A1*.A{year:d}{doy:03d}.h09v05.*hdf")
    for fich in sel files:
           files.append(fich)
    return files
def create_gdal_friendly_names(filenames, layer):
    """Form a filename compatible with GDAL.
    Keyword arguments:
    filenames -- The filenames to be found/converted (str).
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layer -- The sub-dataset layer of interest.
    # Create GDAL friendly-names...
    gdal filenames = []
    for file name in filenames:
        fname = f'HDF4 EOS:EOS GRID:'+\
                    f'"{file name.as posix()}":'+\
                    f'MOD Grid Snow 500m: {layer:s}'
        gdal filenames.append(fname)
    return gdal_filenames
def clip (doy,
         tile = "h09v05",
         folder="data/",
         layer="NDSI Snow Cover",
         shpfile="data/Hydrological Units/HUC Polygons.shp",
         HUC="13010001",
         frmat = "MEM"):
    Crop the data to the area of interest.
    Keyword arguments:
    tile -- The MODIS tile (str).
    doy -- The doy of interest (str).
    year -- The year of interest (int).
    folder -- The directory for which to search for files (str).
    layer -- The sub-dataset layer of interest (str).
    shpfile -- The directory/file used to crop data (str).
    HUC -- The Catchment (str).
    frmat -- The output format.
    folder_path = Path(folder)
    # Find all files.
    hdf files = find files(year, doy, folder)
    # Create GDAL friendly-names...
    gdal filenames = create gdal friendly names(hdf files, layer)
    if frmat == "MEM":
       g = gdal.Warp(
            qdal filenames,
            format="MEM",
            dstNodata=255.
            cutlineDSName=shpfile,
            cutlineWhere="HUC=13010001",
            cropToCutline=True)
        data = g.ReadAsArray()
        # Adding a contingency to remove any values that do not relate to snow cover.
        data = data.astype("float")
       #data[data > 100] = np.nan
        return data
import matplotlib.pylab as plt
from pathlib import Path
import gdal
data = clip(doy = 1,
           year= 2016,)
# Adding a contingency to remove any values that do not relate to snow cover.
data = data.astype("float")
data[data > 100] = np.nan
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
plt.title('HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters')
plt.imshow(data, interpolation="nearest", vmin=0, vmax=100, cmap=plt.cm.winter)
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plt.colorbar(shrink=0.6)

Out[134]:

<matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x7efc3e2ec080>



Note the gaps inside the catchment where removed cloud data has obscured results.

Weighting Data:

Snow Cover & QA Data Descriptions

From: https://nsidc.org/data/MOD10A1

Scientific Data Set Description NDSI_Snow_Cover

NDSI snow cover plus other results. This value is computed for MOD10_L2 and retrieved when the observation of the day is selected. Possible values are:

0-100: NDSI snow cover

200: missing data

201: no decision

211: night

237: inland water

239: ocean

250: cloud

254: detector saturated

255: fill

Inland water should be replaced with a value of 0 for snow cover, assuming that when frozen the same pixel would return as snow cover. There may be a brief window of overlap where the water surface is frozen but doesn't have any snowcover, or does the sensor know the difference between frozen water and snow cover and still return a value of 237?

NDSI_Snow_Cover_Basic_QA

A basic estimate of the quality of the algorithm result. This value is computed for MOD10_L2 and retrieved with the corresponding observation of the day. Possible values are:

0: best

1: good

2: OK

3: poor (not currently in use)

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211: night
239: ocean
255: unusable input or no data
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The weights used will be as follows:

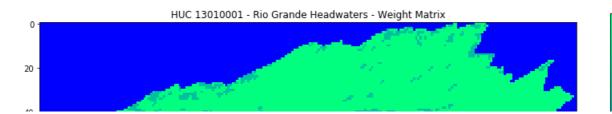
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0: best, weight = 1
1: good, weight = 0.75
2: OK, weight = 0.5
3: poor (not currently in use), weight = 0.25
211: night, weight = 0
239: ocean, weight = 0 (Not applicable)
255: unusable input or no data, weight = 0
```

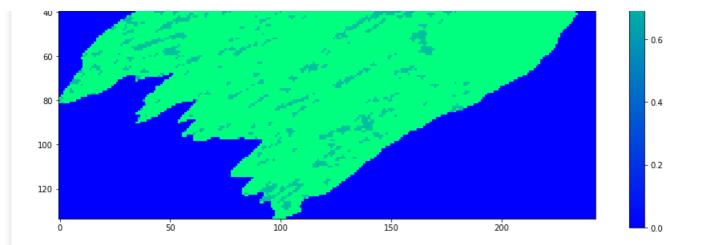
In [135]:

```
qa = clip(1, 2016, layer="NDSI Snow Cover Basic QA")
# Copied from notes chapter 3.4,
def get scaling(qa):
    Creates a weight matrix, based upon an input array of QA values.
   Keyword arguments:
    qa = Input array (array)
    .....
    # Creates an array the same size as the input:
    weight = np.zeros_like(qa, dtype=np.float)
    \# Create a weight loop to assign weights to new array based on QA indicators.
    for qa val in [0, 1, 2, 3, 211, 239, 255]:
        if qa val == 0:
            weight[qa == qa_val] = 1
        if qa val == 1:
            weight[qa == qa_val] = 0.75
        if qa val == 2:
            weight[qa == qa_val] = 0.5
        if qa val == 3:
            weight[qa == qa val] = 0.25
        # Sets all useless values to zero, uneeded but for posterity.
        if qa_val == 211 or qa_val == 239 or qa_val == 255:
            weight[qa == qa val] = 0
    weight = weight.astype("float")
    return weight
# Plot the weight matrix as a test to see the distribution of QA throughout the catchment:
weights = get scaling(qa)
weights = weights.astype("float")
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 12))
plt.title('HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters - Weight Matrix')
plt.imshow(weights, interpolation="nearest",vmin=0, vmax=1, cmap=plt.cm.winter)
plt.colorbar(shrink=0.6)
```

Out[135]:

<matplotlib.colorbar.Colorbar at 0x7efc3e2c4a20>





In [136]:

```
# A function to return a weight matrix and snow cover for a given date.
# Imported and edited from notes chapter 3.4
def process_single_date(doy,
                    tile = "h09v05",
                    folder="data/",
                    shpfile="data/Hydrological Units/HUC Polygons.shp",
                    HUC="13010001"):
    Uses the established clip and scaling functions to return data and weight arrays.
    Keyword arguments:
    doy = Day of year (int)
    year = Year (int)
    tile = Modis tile in question (str)
    folder = Local directory of file (str)
    shpfile = File directory of shape file (str)
    HUC = Catchment code (str)
    snow_data = clip(doy,
                    year,
                    tile = "h09v05",
                    folder=folder,
                    layer="NDSI_Snow_Cover",
                    shpfile=shpfile)
    qa_data = clip(doy,
                   year,
                   tile = "h09v05",
                   folder=folder,
                   layer="NDSI_Snow_Cover_Basic_QA",
                   shpfile=shpfile)
    weights = get scaling(qa data)
    return snow data, weights
```

Final Data Clipping as Timeseries:

In []:

```
rolder- data/ ,
shpfile="data/Hydrological_Units/HUC_Polygons.shp",
                       HUC="13010001",
                       verbose=True):
    Outputs a cropped data and weight matrix for a specified year.
    Keyword arguments:
    year = Year (int)
    tile = MODIS tile (str)
    folder = Directory of data (str)
    shpfile = File directory of shapefile (str)
    HUC = Catchment code (str)
    Verbose = Used to output logs (bool)
    today = datetime(year, 1, 1)
    # length = len(datetime(year))
    dates = []
    # Creating a check to find the length of years depending on whether or not said year is a leap
vear.
    if year % 4 == 0:
       rang = range(366)
       ran = 366
    if year % 4 != 0:
       rang = range(365)
       ran = 365
    # Now function is adaptable to leap years:
    for i in rang:
        if (i%1 == 0) and verbose:
            print(f"Doing {str(today):s}")
        if today.year != year:
           break
        doy = int(today.strftime("%j"))
        # Add a try/except condition to catch missing days where satellite did not scan.
            this snow, this weight = process single date(
                doy,
                year,
                tile=tile,
                folder="data/",
                shpfile="data/Hydrological Units/HUC Polygons.shp",
                HUC="13010001")
        # Print an error message:
        except(AttributeError):
           print("Attribute error encountered")
        if doy == 1:
            # Create outputs!
            ny, nx = this snow.shape
            snow array = np.zeros((ny, nx, ran))
            weights_array = np.zeros((ny, nx, ran))
        snow array[:, :, i] = this snow
        weights array[:, :, i] = this weight
        dates.append(today)
        today = today + timedelta(days=1)
    return dates, snow array, weights array
dates16, snow_2016, weight_2016 = process_timeseries(2016)
dates17, snow_2017, weight_2017 = process_timeseries(2017)
```

Attending to Missing Values in Data:

```
In [283]:
```

```
#200: missing data
#201: no decision
#211: night
#237: inland water
#239: ocean
#250: cloud
#254: detector saturated
```

```
#255: fill
def fix missing(snow cover, weight):
    Replaces missing values in snow cover arrays with previous days by carrying forward data.
    Keyword arguments:
    snow cover = Input snow cover array (array)
    weight = Input weight array (array)
    # Adjusting weight matrix for missing values in snow data.
    weight[200 \le snow cover] = 0
    # Start by creating a blank array equal to the size of the snow cover array.
    new cover = np.zeros like(snow cover, dtype=np.float)
    new weight = weight
    # Converting inland water (237) into snow cover 0.
    snow cover[snow cover == 237] = 0
    # Creating a variable check for leap years.
    if snow cover.shape[2] % 4 == 0:
        rang = range(366)
        ran = 366
    if snow cover.shape[2] % 4 != 0:
        rang = range(365)
        ran = 365
    # Iterate through each pixel of the array.
    for x in range(snow cover.shape[0]):
        for y in range(snow_cover.shape[1]):
            for n in range(snow cover.shape[2]):
                 # if pixel value is a valid snow cover number write to new array
                if 0 \le \text{snow\_cover}[x, y, n] \le 100:
                    for i in range(n, ran):
                     t write pixel to every day of the array (going forward only), so that
successive
                     # days where data is missing are covered by those that went before.
                        new cover[x, y, i] = snow cover[x, y, n]
                        new_weight[x, y, i] = weight[x, y, n]
                \# Keep the 255/fill values as they are weighted to 0 and only surround the cropped
image.
                if snow cover[x, y, n] == 255:
                    for i in range(n, ran):
                        new_cover[x, y, i] = snow_cover[x, y, n]
                new_weight[x, y, i] = weight[x, y, n]
# Pass over invalid values - not written to new array
                if snow_cover[x, y, n] == 200:
                    pass
                if snow_cover[x, y, n] == 201:
                    pass
                if snow cover[x, y, n] == 250:
    # Relooping from the start to fix missing values passed above.
    # The first day in any year is susceptible as there as no values being written forward
    # In this case use the same methods to work backwards.
    for x in range(snow cover.shape[0]):
        for y in range(snow cover.shape[1]):
            for n in range(snow_cover.shape[2]):
                if snow cover[x, y, n] == 200:
                    for i in range(n, ran):
                        if snow cover[x, y, i] == 200:
                             continue
                        if snow_cover[x, y, i] == 201:
                            continue
                        if snow cover[x, y, i] == 250:
                            continue
                        if snow cover[x, y, i] == 255:
                             continue
                        if snow cover[x, y, i] \leq 100:
                             holder = snow_cover[x, y, i]
                             new_cover[x, y, n] = holder
                            break
                if snow_cover[x, y, n] == 201:
                    for i in range(n. ran):
```

```
if snow_cover[x, y, i] == 200:
                           continue
                       if snow_cover[x, y, i] == 201:
                           continue
                       if snow cover[x, y, i] == 250:
                           continue
                       if snow cover[x, y, i] == 255:
                           continue
                       if snow\_cover[x, y, i] <= 100:
                           holder = snow cover[x, y, i]
                           new cover[x, y, n] = holder
                           break
               if snow cover[x, y, n] == 250:
                   for i in range(n, ran):
                       if snow_cover[x, y, i] == 200:
                           continue
                       if snow_cover[x, y, i] == 201:
                           continue
                       if snow\_cover[x, y, i] == 250:
                           continue
                       if snow cover[x, y, i] == 255:
                           continue
                       if snow cover[x, y, i] \leq 100:
                           holder = snow cover[x, y, i]
                           new_cover[x, y, n] = holder
                           break
   return new cover, new weight
# Get new snow and weight arrays using above function.
cover_2016, nweight_2016 = fix_missing(snow_2016, weight_2016)
cover_2017, nweight_2017 = fix_missing(snow_2017, weight_2017)
```

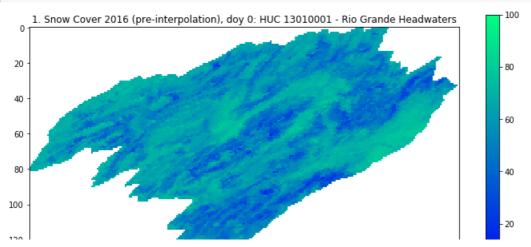
Spatial Representation of Snow Cover Flux: 2016

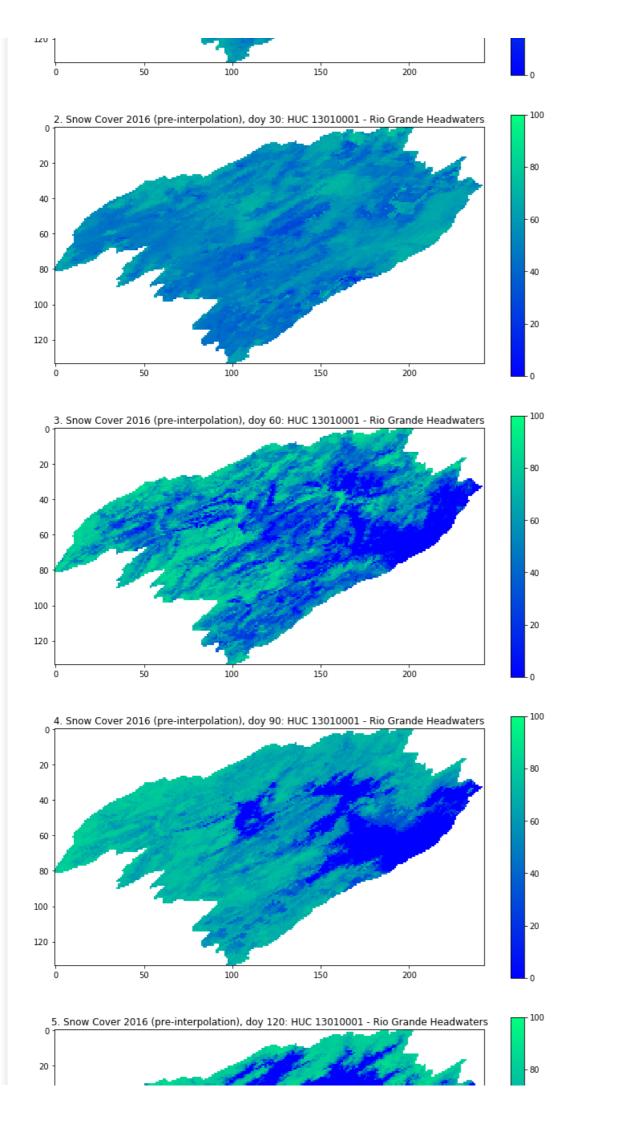
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In [286]:
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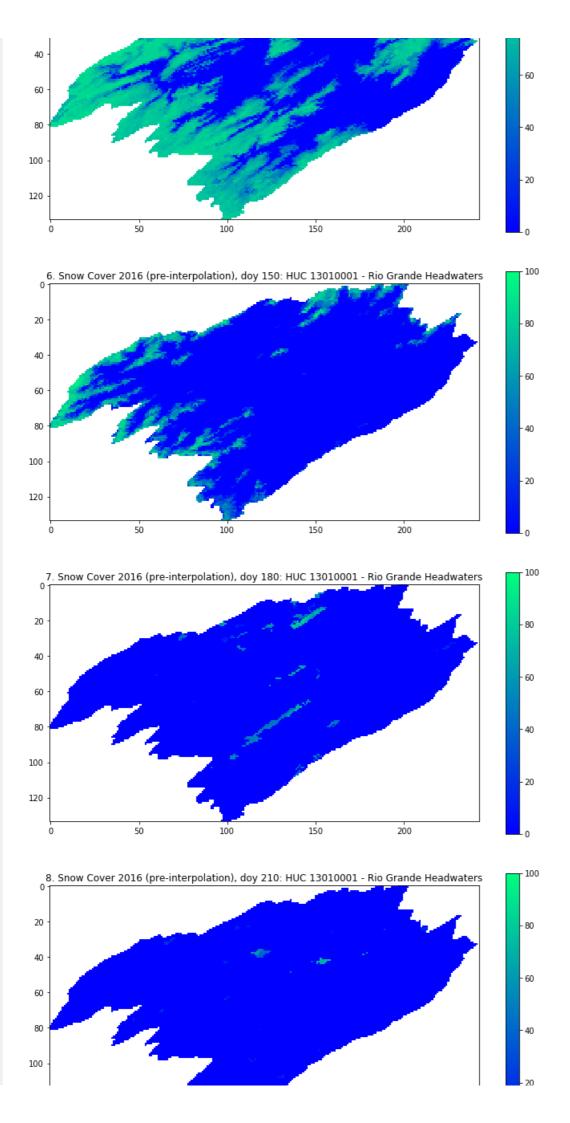
```
# Plot 13 evenly spaced days of data for 2016.
x = range(0, 366, 30)

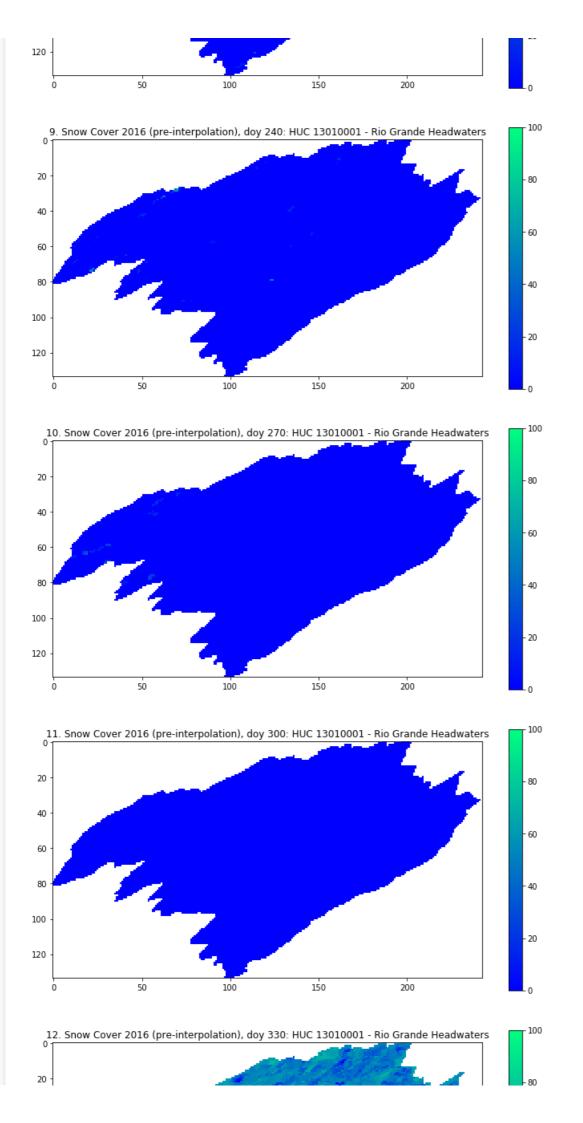
# Removed fill values for better understanding of catchment borders without confusing 255 value sc aling.
cover_2016 = cover_2016.astype("float")
cover_2016[cover_2016 > 100] = np.nan

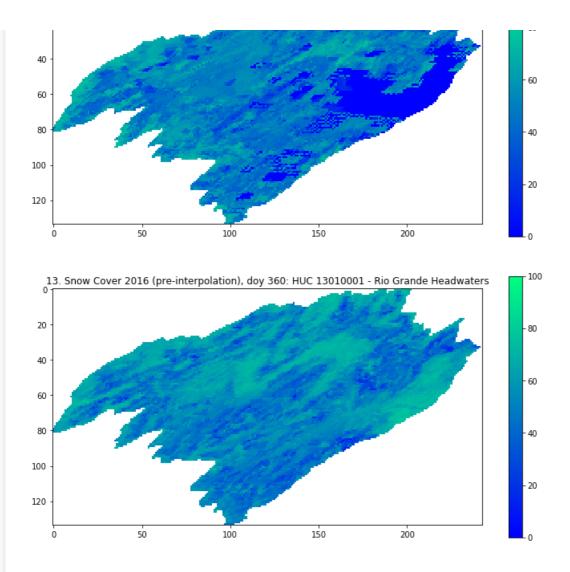
for i in enumerate(x):
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
    plt.title(f'{i[0]+1}. Snow Cover 2016 (pre-interpolation), doy {i[1]}: HUC 13010001 - Rio
Grande Headwaters')
    plt.imshow(cover_2016[...,i[1]], interpolation="nearest", vmin=0, vmax=100, cmap=plt.cm.winter)
    plt.colorbar(shrink=0.5)
```











Spatial Representation of Snow Cover Flux: 2017

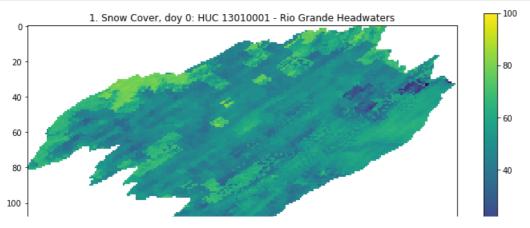
```
In [287]:
```

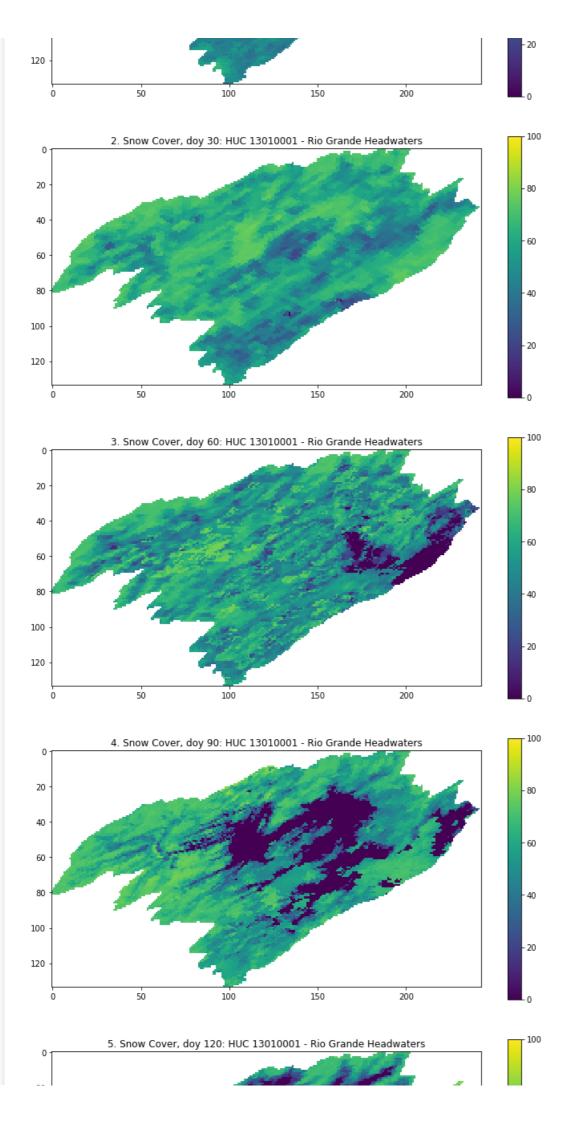
```
# Plot 13 evenly spaced days of data for 2016.
# Used different colour scheme for visual distinction between each year.

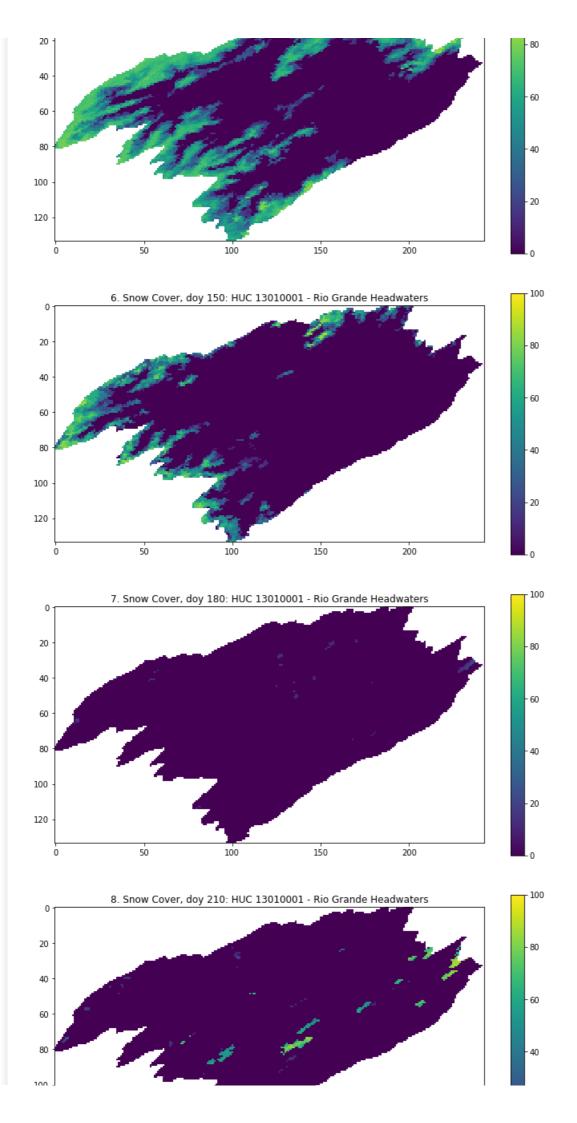
x = range(0, 365, 30)

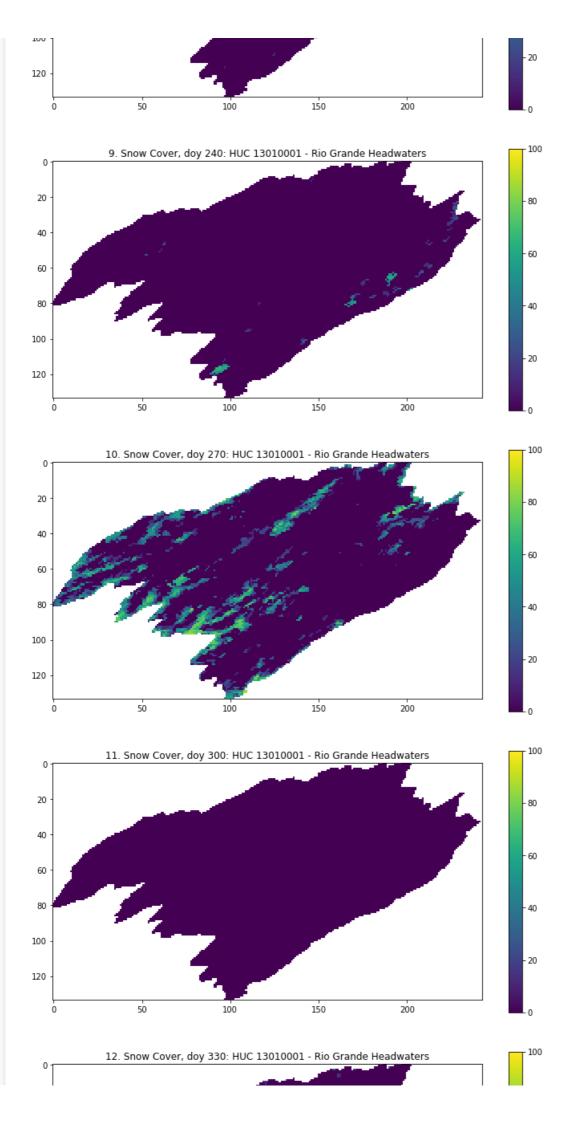
cover_2017 = cover_2017.astype("float")
    cover_2017[cover_2017 > 100] = np.nan

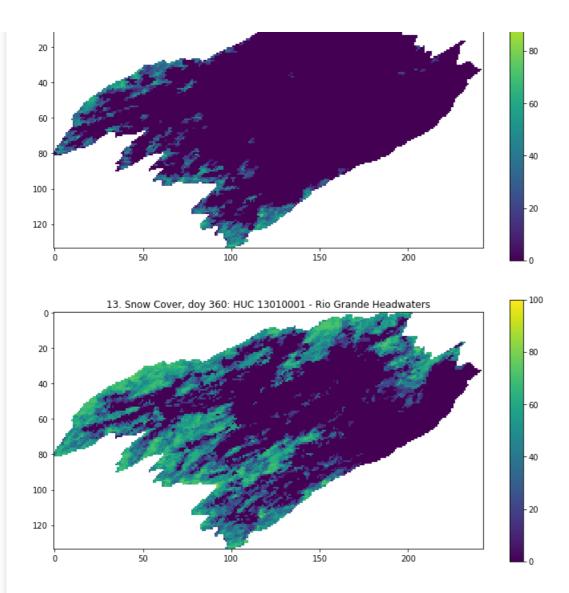
for i in enumerate(x):
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
    plt.title(f'{i[0]+1}. Snow Cover, doy {i[1]}: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters')
    plt.imshow(cover_2017[...,i[1]], interpolation="nearest", vmin=0, vmax=100, cmap=plt.cm.viridis)
    plt.colorbar(shrink=0.5)
```











Analysis

For both years there exist regions within the catchment which seem to be longer lasting in their coverage than others, it is likely that both altitude and daily shading play a role here but without the tools to further investigate this must remain an assumption.

The catchment is completely clear of snow during the summer in both years and doesn't begin to recover full coverage until the last 60 days of the year. It is hard to make out much difference in cover which could be behind the difference in meltwater/discharge flux noted between the years in section 1. There does appear to be a slight difference between the years in that 2017 sees a slight reduction in cover and sees an early and more substantial spring melt.

Weighted Interpolation

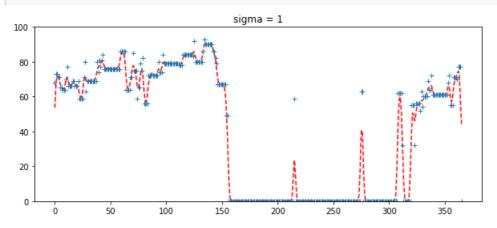
```
In [288]:
import scipy
import scipy.ndimage.filters
# testing sigma values for best fit.
sigma = [1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8,]
# basis of code taken from exercise 3.4:
for i in sigma:
    x = np.arange(-3*i, 3*i+1)
    gaussian = np.exp((-(x/i)**2)/2.0)
    numerator = scipy.ndimage.filters.convolveld(cover_2016 * nweight_2016, gaussian, axis=2,mode='
wrap')
    denominator = scipy.ndimage.filters.convolveld(nweight_2016, gaussian, axis=2,mode='wrap')
    # avoid divide by 0 problems by setting zero values
```

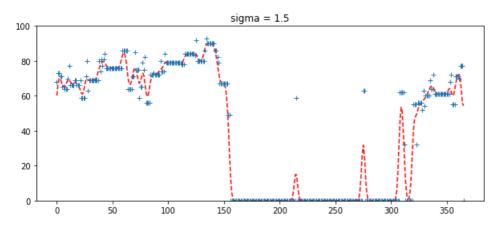
```
# of the denominator to not a number (NaN)
denominator[denominator==0] = np.nan

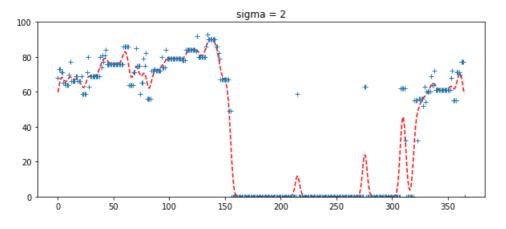
interpolated_snow = numerator/denominator

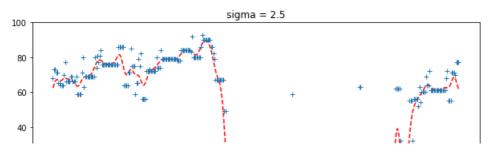
sweight = nweight_2016.sum(axis=2)
r,c = np.where(sweight == np.max(sweight))
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))

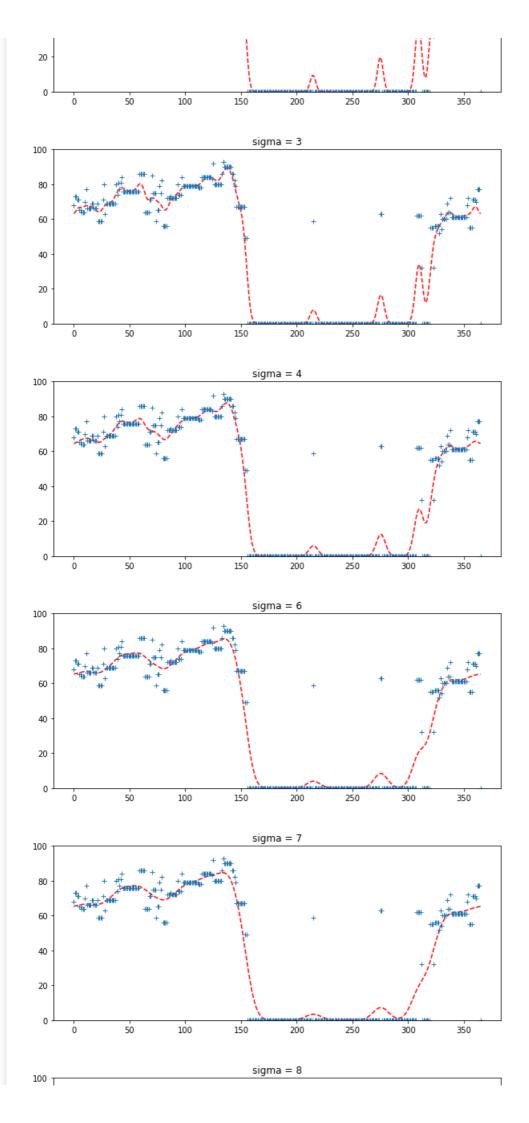
ipixel = 0 # To plot the i-th pixel
plt.plot((interpolated_snow)[r[ipixel],c[ipixel],:],'r--')
plt.plot((cover_2016)[r[ipixel],c[ipixel],:],'+')
plt.title(f'sigma = {i}')
plt.ylim(0,100)
```

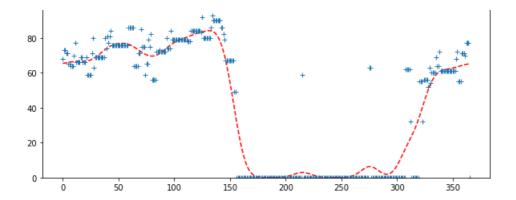












After some experimentation, the value of sigma which seems to map the snow cover flux most accurately seems to be in the region of 1.5. Snow melt and fall are relatively short events so a sigma value that is higher does not map well to data where snow cover is quickly changing. Sigma 1.5

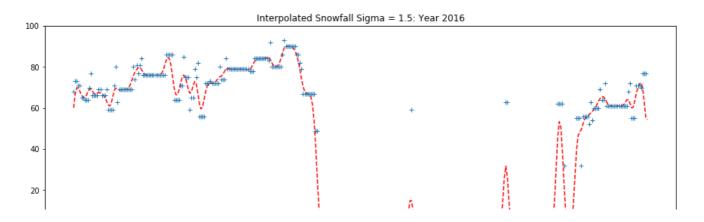
Interpolated Snow Cover 2016

```
In [289]:
```

```
# Plotting interpolated graphs of snow cover for 2016
sigma = 1.5
x = np.arange(-3*sigma, 3*sigma+1)
gaussian = np.exp((-(x/sigma)**2)/2.0)
numerator = scipy.ndimage.filters.convolve1d(cover_2016 * nweight_2016, gaussian, axis=2,mode='wrap
')
denominator = scipy.ndimage.filters.convolveld(nweight 2016, gaussian, axis=2, mode='wrap')
# avoid divide by 0 problems by setting zero values
# of the denominator to not a number (NaN)
denominator[denominator==0] = np.nan
interpolated snow 16 = numerator/denominator
sweight = nweight_2016.sum(axis=2)
r,c = np.where(sweight == np.max(sweight))
plt.figure(figsize=(15,5))
\#snow\ 2016[snow\ 2016 > 100] = np.nan
ipixel = 0 # To plot the i-th pixel
plt.plot((interpolated snow 16)[r[ipixel],c[ipixel],:],'r--')
plt.plot((cover_2016)[r[ipixel],c[ipixel],:],'+')
plt.title('Interpolated Snowfall Sigma = 1.5: Year 2016')
plt.ylim(0,100)
```

Out[289]:

(0, 100)



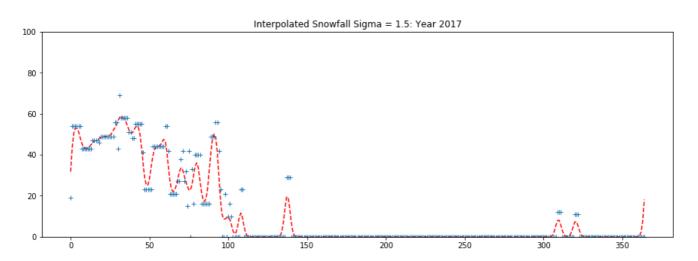
Interpolated Snow Cover 2017

```
In [290]:
```

```
# Plotting interpolated graphs of snow cover for 2017
sigma = 1.5
x = np.arange(-3*sigma, 3*sigma+1)
gaussian = np.exp((-(x/sigma)**2)/2.0)
numerator = scipy.ndimage.filters.convolve1d(cover_2017 * nweight_2017, gaussian, axis=2,mode='wrap
denominator = scipy.ndimage.filters.convolveld(nweight_2017, gaussian, axis=2,mode='wrap')
\# avoid divide by 0 problems by setting zero values
# of the denominator to not a number (NaN)
denominator[denominator==0] = np.nan
interpolated snow 17 = numerator/denominator
sweight = nweight 2017.sum(axis=2)
r,c = np.where(sweight == np.max(sweight))
plt.figure(figsize=(15,5))
\#snow_2016[snow_2016 > 100] = np.nan
ipixel = 0 # To plot the i-th pixel
plt.plot((interpolated_snow_17)[r[ipixel],c[ipixel],:],'r--')
plt.plot((cover 2017)[r[ipixel],c[ipixel],:],'+')
plt.title('Interpolated Snowfall Sigma = 1.5: Year 2017')
plt.ylim(0,100)
```

Out[290]:

(0, 100)



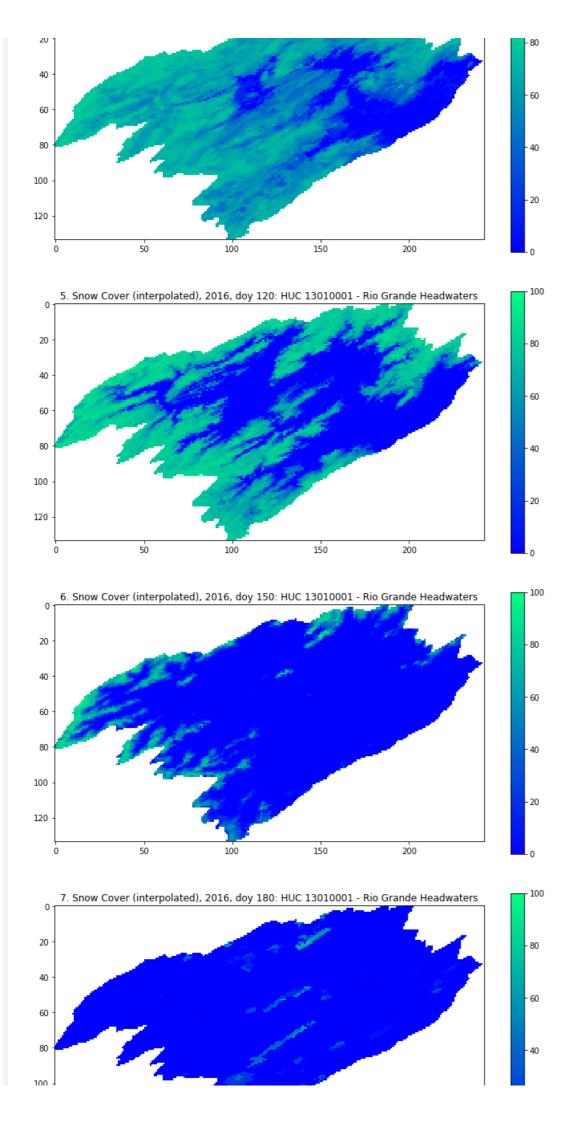
Interpolated Snow Cover 2016 - Graphical

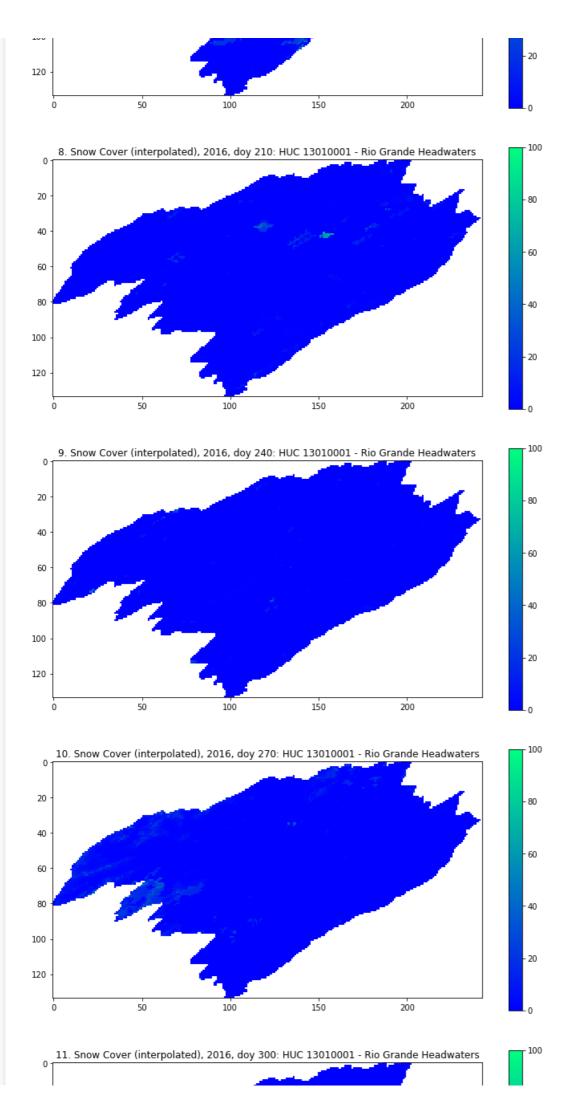
```
In [292]:
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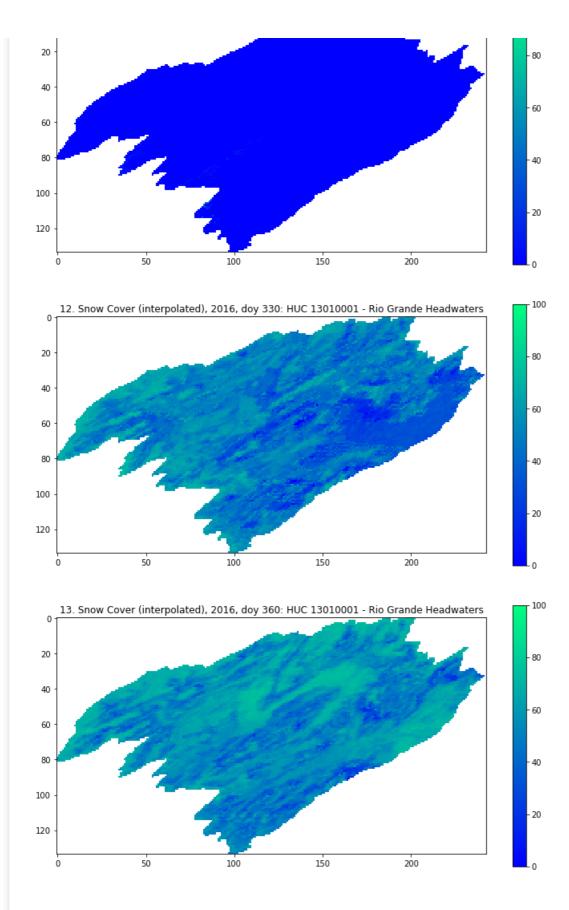
```
x = range(0, 366, 30)

for i in enumerate(x):
   plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
   plt.title(f'{i[0]+1}. Snow Cover (interpolated), 2016, doy {i[1]}: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande H
```

```
plt.imshow(interpolated_snow_16[...,i[1]], interpolation="nearest",vmin=0, vmax=100, cmap=plt.c
m.winter)
     plt.colorbar(shrink=0.5)
       1. Snow Cover (interpolated), 2016, doy 0: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters
 20
                                                                                               80
 40
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 80
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100
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120
    ò
                     50
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                                                      150
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                                                                                               100
      2. Snow Cover (interpolated), 2016, doy 30: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters
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 60
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120
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                                     100
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      3. Snow Cover (interpolated), 2016, doy 60: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters
  0
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                                                                                               80
 40
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 60
 80
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100
                                                                                               20
120
                     50
                                     100
                                                      150
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                                                                                               100
      4. Snow Cover (interpolated), 2016, doy 90: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande Headwaters
  0
```



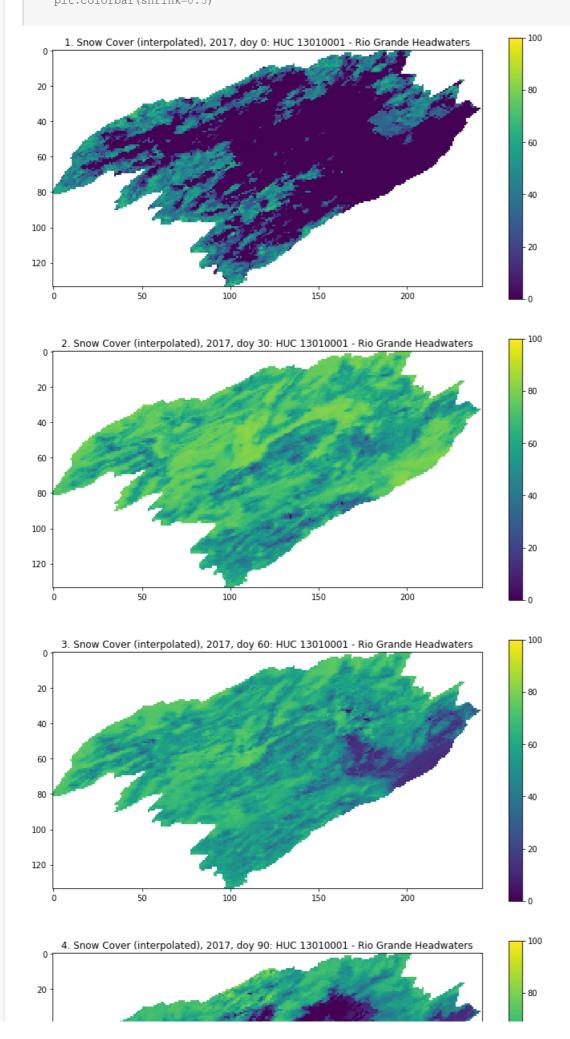


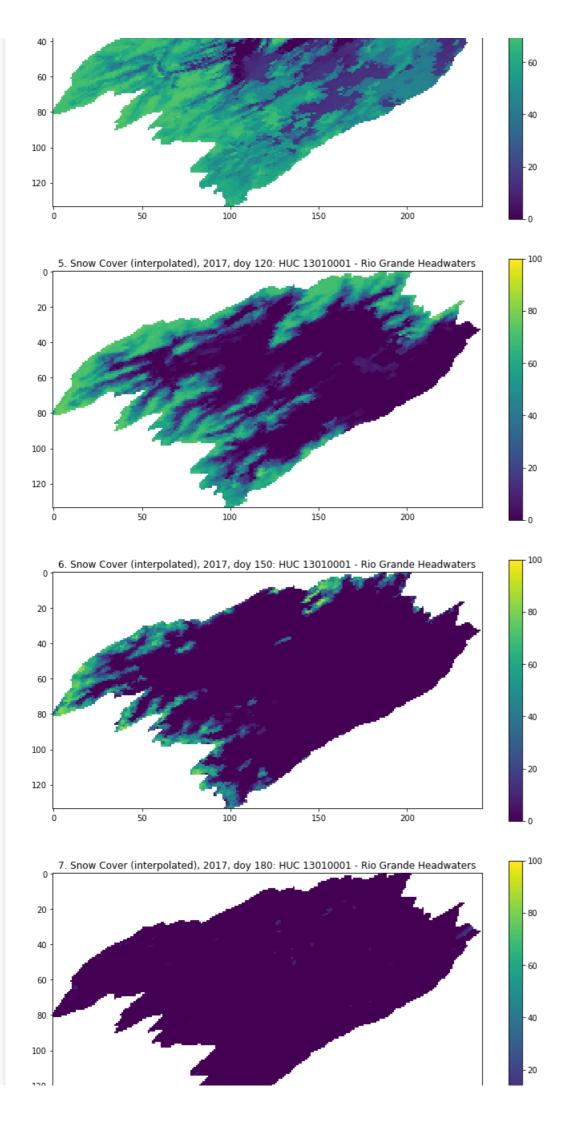


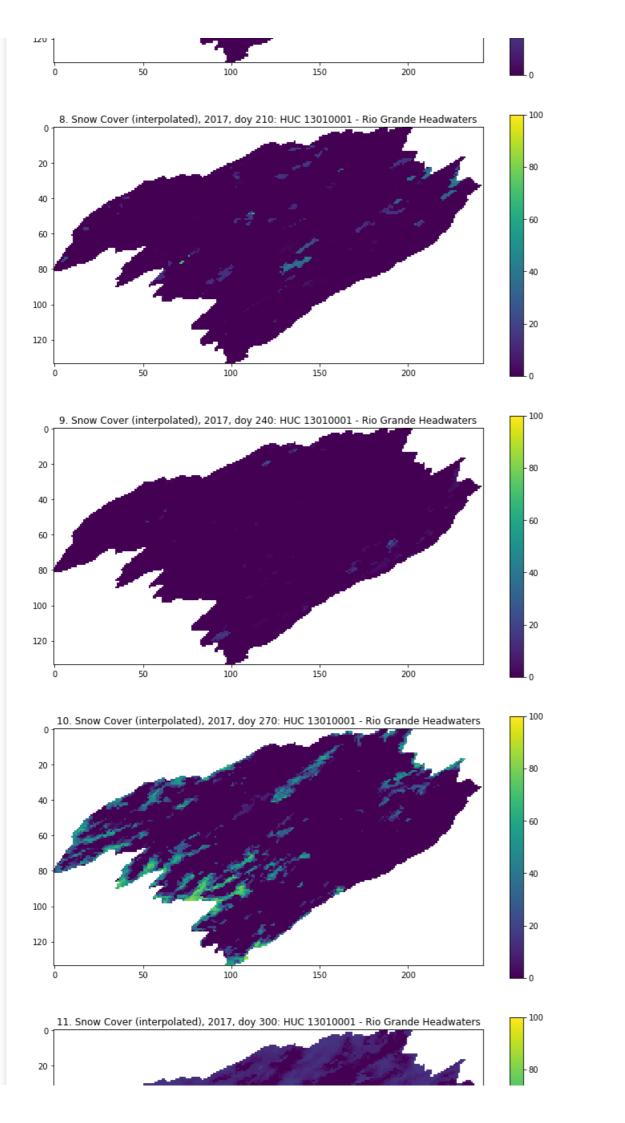
Interpolated Snow Cover 2017 - Graphical

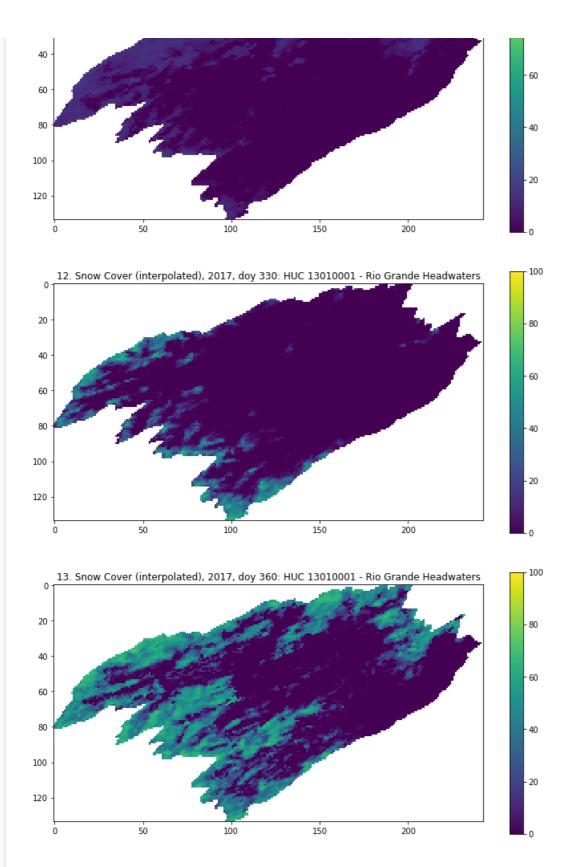
```
In [294]:
```

```
for i in enumerate(x):
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12))
    plt.title(f'{i[0]+1}. Snow Cover (interpolated), 2017, doy {i[1]}: HUC 13010001 - Rio Grande H
eadwaters')
    plt.imshow(interpolated_snow_17[...,i[1]], interpolation="nearest", vmin=0, vmax=100, cmap=plt.c
m viridis)
```









Analysis of Interpolation:

The interpolation with sigma value of 1.5 has definitely has a smoothing effect upon the data, some of the coarseness of the original MODIS resolution has been removed and for high contrast zones there appears to be a smoother gradient of change between areas of high and low snow cover.

Summary Statistics - Interpolated Snow Cover:

In [295]:

```
pd.options.display.float format = '{:,.2f}'.format
mean = []
mini = []
argmin = []
maxi = []
argmax = []
stdev = []
datasets = [interpolated snow 16, interpolated snow 17]
for data in datasets:
    data mean = []
    for i in range(data.shape[2]):
       data mean.append(np.nanmean(data[...,i]))
    data_mean = np.asarray(data_mean)
    mini.append(np.nanmin(data mean))
    argmin.append(data mean.argmin())
    maxi.append(np.nanmax(data_mean))
    argmax.append(data mean.argmax())
    stdev.append(np.nanstd(data mean))
    mean.append(np.nanmean(data mean))
for dataset in datasets:
    mini.append(np.nanmin(dataset, axis=(0,1)))
    argmin.append(dataset.argmin())
   \max:append(np.nanmax(dataset, axis=(0,1)))
    argmax.append(dataset.argmax())
    stdev.append(np.nanstd(dataset, axis=0, dtype=float))
df5 = pd.DataFrame({ "Year": range(2016,2018),
                    "Mean Snow Cover" : mean[0:2],
                    "StDev": stdev[0:2],
                    "Lowest Mean Snow Cover": mini[0:2],
                    "Low Time (doy)": argmin[0:2],
                    "Highest Mean Snow Cover": maxi[0:2],
                    "High Time (doy)": argmax[0:2]
df5
/opt/anaconda/envs/jupyterhub/lib/python3.6/site-packages/numpy/lib/nanfunctions.py:1545:
RuntimeWarning: Degrees of freedom <= 0 for slice.
  keepdims=keepdims)
```

Out[295]:

	Year	Mean Snow Cover	StDev	Lowest Mean Snow Cover	Low Time (doy)	Highest Mean Snow Cover	High Time (doy)
0	2016	25.08	23.85	0.00	189	63.13	11
1	2017	20.53	22.42	0.03	234	66.39	14

Loading Files & Presenting Basis For Hydrological Model:

In [296]:

```
# Collating the datasets and building a basic model overview of parameters.

filename16D = "discharge_DN_2016.npz"
filename16T = "DN2E_TPS_2016.npz"

filename17D = "discharge_DN_2017.npz"
filename17T = "DN2E_TPS_2017.npz"

#np.savez_compressed("discharge_DN_2016.npz", array1=array1, array2=array2, array3=array3)
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# Loading in the previously saved datasets and parsing to the correct variables:
discharge data16 = np.load("discharge DN 2016.npz")
data dict = dict(discharge data16)
discharge16 = data dict["arr 0"]
discharge data17 = np.load("discharge DN 2017.npz")
data dict = dict(discharge data17)
discharge17 = data_dict["arr_0"]
temp_data16 = np.load("DN2E_TPS_2016.npz")
data dict = dict(temp data16)
temp16 = data dict["arr 0"]
temp16 = temp16[1]
temp16 = (temp16 -32)*5/9
temp data17 = np.load("DN2E TPS 2017.npz")
data dict = dict(temp data17)
temp17 = data dict["arr 0"]
temp17 = temp17[1]
temp17 = (temp17 -32)*5/9
# Creating a dataset of mean snow cover across the catchment for each day of each year:
mean\_snow\_16 = []
for i in range(interpolated snow 16.shape[2]):
   mean_snow_16.append(np.nanmean(interpolated_snow_16[...,i]))
# Rescaling snow cover:
mean snow 16 = np.asarray(mean snow 16)
mean\_snow\_16 = mean\_snow\_16 * 0.01
mean snow 17 = []
for i in range(interpolated snow 17.shape[2]):
   mean snow 17.append(np.nanmean(interpolated snow 17[...,i]))
# Rescaling snow cover:
mean_snow_17 = np.asarray(mean_snow_17)
mean\_snow\_17 = mean\_snow\_17 * 0.01
```

In [297]:

```
header = ["discharge", "temperature", "snow_cover"]

arr_2016 = np.vstack((discharge16, temp16, mean_snow_16))

arr_2017 = np.vstack((discharge17, temp17, mean_snow_17))

data_16 = dict(zip(header, arr_2016))

data_17 = dict(zip(header, arr_2017))

filename16 = "Hydrological_Variables_2016"

filename17 = "Hydrological_Variables_2017"

# save the dataset

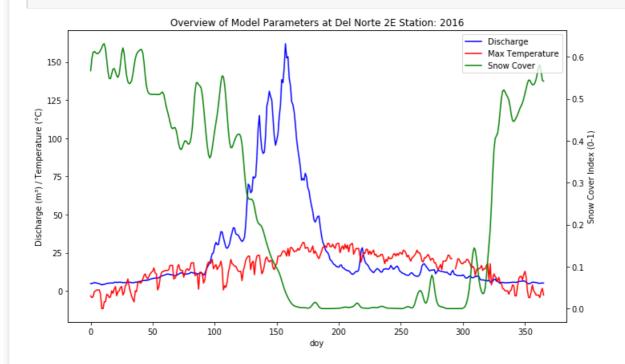
np.savez_compressed(filename16,**data_16)

np.savez_compressed(filename17,**data_17)
```

In [298]:

```
fig, ax1 = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,6))
ax1.set_xlabel('doy')
ax1.set_ylabel('Discharge (m³) / Temperature (°C)')
11, =ax1.plot(discharge16, label="Discharge",color="b")
12, =ax1.plot(temp16, label="Temperature", color="r")
ax2 = ax1.twinx()

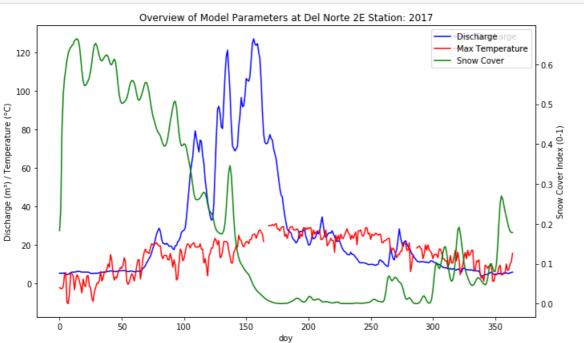
ax2.set_ylabel('Snow Cover Index (0-1)')
13, =ax2.plot(mean_snow_16, label="Snow Cover", color="g")
plt.legend([11, 12, 13],["Discharge", "Max Temperature", "Snow Cover"], loc=1)
plt.title("Overview of Model Parameters at Del Norte 2E Station: 2016")
fig.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



In [299]:

```
fig, ax1 = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,6))
ax1.set_xlabel('doy')
ax1.set_ylabel('Discharge (m³) / Temperature (°C)')
11, =ax1.plot(discharge17, label="Discharge",color="b")
12, =ax1.plot(temp17, label="Temperature", color="r")
plt.legend(loc="best")
ax2 = ax1.twinx()

ax2.set_ylabel('Snow Cover Index (0-1)')
13, =ax2.plot(mean_snow_17, label="Snow Cover", color="g")
plt.legend([11, 12, 13],["Discharge", "Max Temperature", "Snow Cover"], loc=1)
plt.title("Overview of Model Parameters at Del Norte 2E Station: 2017")
fig.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Allalysis.

The graphs above provide an excellent visual representation of the hydrological flux within the HUC 1301001 catchment throughout each year. The flux in snow cover is clearly sensitive to the seasonal changes in temperature with melt events being recorded first in temperature, through snow cover, as discharge pulses.

The data collected should provide a good basis for a hydrological model based upon the system if a visual guide of the relationships between the variables is trustworthy.