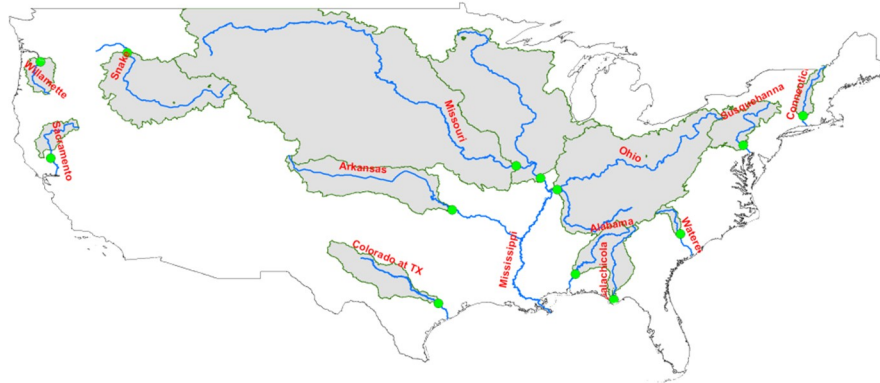
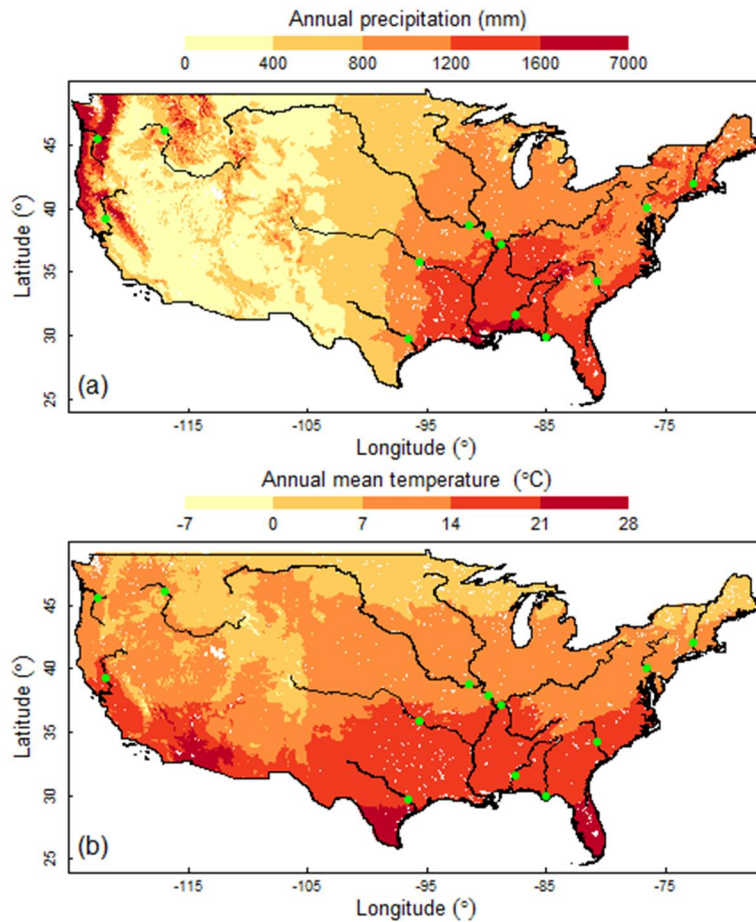


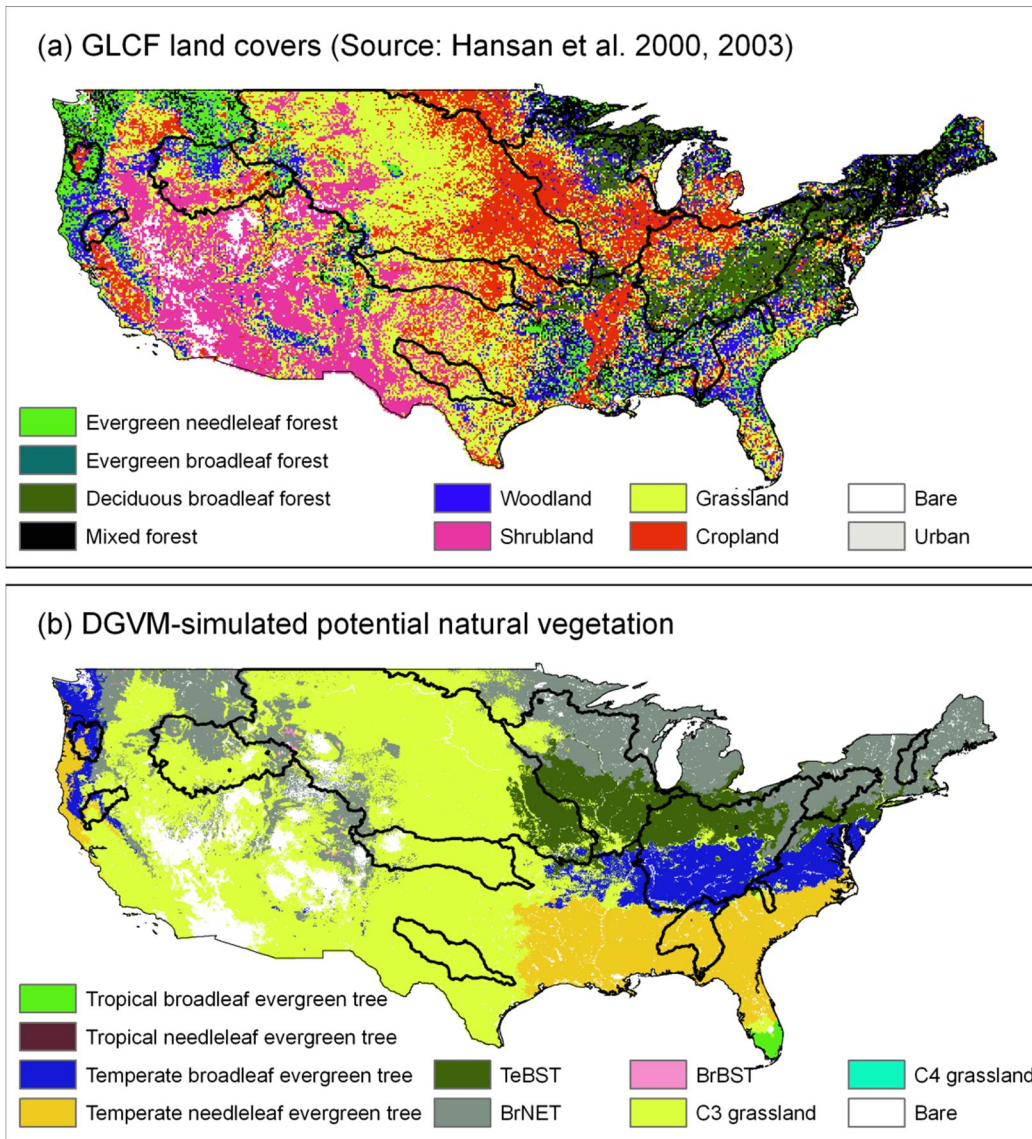
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4 **Fig. S1** The distribution of 13 USGS gage station (green points) and the corresponding  
5 rivers and watersheds selected in this study for model comparison. The watershed for  
6 each gage station is derived from the eight digits hydrological unit code data (Source:  
7 <ftp://gateway2.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/Gateway/WBD/>).  
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11 **Fig. S2** The spatial pattern of annual total precipitation and annual mean temperature in  
12 the conterminous U.S. (Daly et al., 2000, 2002).



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**Fig. S3** The predefined land covers in LH for the conterminous U.S. based on the GLCF data (Hansen et al., 2000, 2003).

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