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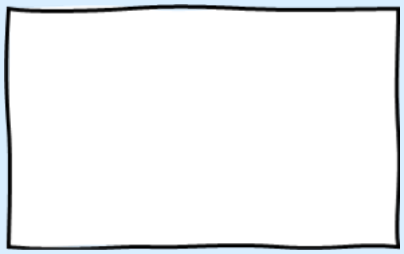
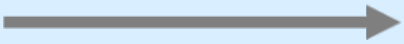
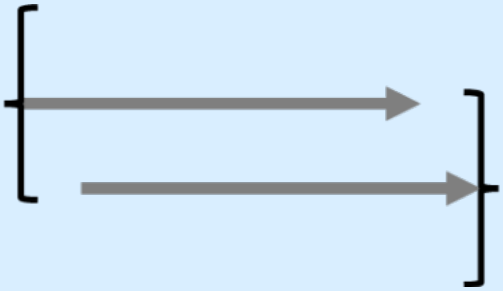
13.4	Systems Mapping Boards (Miro / FigJam)	–

Systems Mapping can be done in a plethora of online and offline tools such as Miro, FigJam, draw.io, PowerPoint, or pen and paper. The following will give examples of what could be used to create System Maps, but use the tools available to you and the ones you feel comfortable with. See section 6 of this module to find an explanation for Systems Mapping.

Figure	Use
	Used to indicate a stock (element) in the system. The specific element can be written in the square.
	Arrow used to indicate a flow from a stock (left side) to another stock (right side).
	Black circle used to indicate what the flow is. This can be written above the circle.
	Arrow used to indicate a feedback loop. Use a B to represent balancing loops and an R to represent reinforcing loops.
+ and -	Use the mathematical operators plus and minus to indicate if the feedback loop is affecting the flow positively or negatively.

Drawings and Symbols 	It is good to use drawings or symbols to better visualize what the stock represents. In the figure on the left, a forestry operation has been represented by a stump.
	A Bracket can be used to show a boundary. The top figure shows an incoming flow from the boundary, and the bottom figure shows an outgoing flow to the boundary.