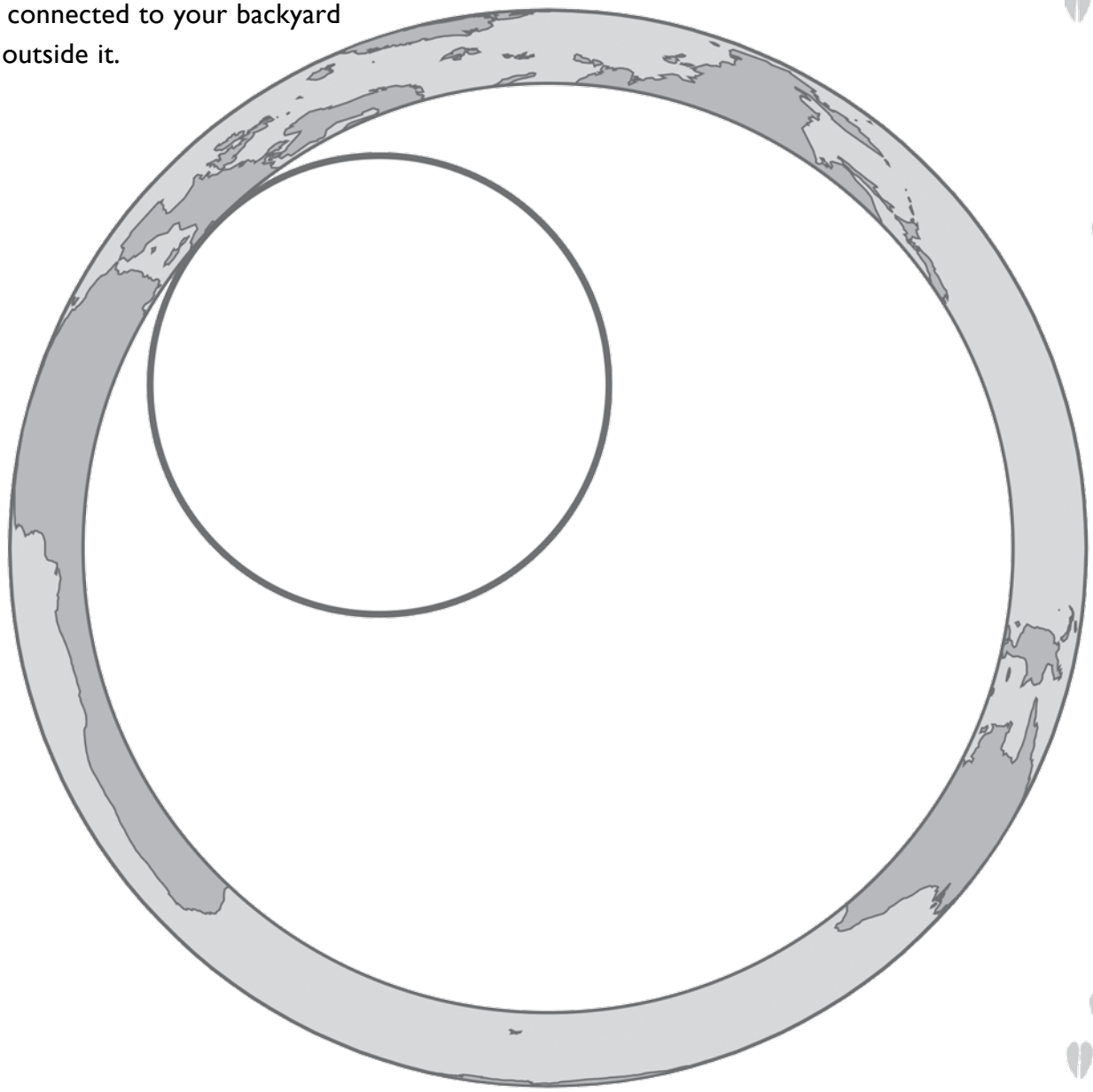
Making Connections

Go outside . . . anywhere. Stop and look. What connections can you find? Chances are you can see plenty of them right in your own backyard, school yard, or local park–a bird eating some berries, perhaps, or a squirrel gathering acorns. Your backyard is a small ecosystem. But does it have connections beyond your backyard? Absolutely! The squirrel might live in a nearby forest. And who knows where the bird might have traveled? Maybe it spends winters in South America or summers in Alaska. It depends on the berries in your backyard for food. But it's also part of the "big picture" that BLM and everyone needs to be aware of.

Think about connections. Then draw pictures in the empty circles below. In the small circle, show two or more things in your backyard that are connected. In the larger circle, show some things that are connected to your backyard but are outside it.