# RODENT CONTROL CLASSES

March 27, 2023

#### **MANAGEMENT OF POCKET GOPHERS**

Thompson Falls Rural Fire Dept., 1811 Main St Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

#### **CONTROL OF COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRRELS**

Thompson Falls Rural Fire Dept., 1811 Main St Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM

#### FIELD DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP:

**CONTROL OF POCKET GOPHERS AND COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRRELS** 

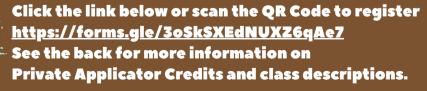
Location close to Thompson Falls will be sent to participants after registering.

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

#### **SPEAKER INFORMATION**



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### **Management of Pocket Gophers**

This training is a 1-hour presentation that teaches about the biology of Northern pocket gophers and their damage. Attendees will learn the various methods to manage pocket gophers including, habitat modification, trapping, toxicants and fumigants.

## **Control of Columbian Ground Squirrels**

This presentation discusses the management of Columbian ground squirrels (Urocitellus Columbianus) that occur on residential lawns and small acreages. Topics include biology, their damage, and population dynamics and surveys. The remainder of the presentation details the strategies to eliminate their presence from the landscape. Control methods focus on rodenticide use with some attention on techniques suitable for cleanup such as trapping, fumigants and non-regulated methods.

# Field Demonstration Workshop: Control of Pocket Gophers and Columbian Ground Squirrels

Attendees will learn how to assess active ground squirrel and pocket gopher burrows and how to apply traps and pesticides for their control. Hands on practice will be involved. Attendees will need to bring gloves, and a 12-18 inch screw driver or rod/probe. The screwdriver or probe shouldn't be more than 1/4 inch wide. Pawn shops have large screw drivers.

Categories and Credits offered for Private Applicator License Recertification Each class is worth one credit in these categories. If you attend all three, you will get 3 credits!

- 10 Dealer (1)
- 32 Agricultural Vertebrate Pest Control (1)
- 33 Forest Pest Control (1)
- 34 Ornamental and Turf Pest Control (1)
- 39 Demonstration & Research Pest Control (1)
- **45 School IPM (1)**
- 54 Rodent (1)
- **60 Private Agricultural Pest Control (1)**