

Controversy surrounds Nevada coyote hunt

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Local hunters have organized a coyote hunt, which has raised hackles of animal protection groups.

The Saturday event, called a coyote calling contest, is similar to hunts in other parts of Nevada and Western states. Coyotes are an unprotected species in Nevada; a license or permit is not required to hunt them, according to the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

"This was set up for local people to get together," said Jason Schroeder, one of the organizers. "It's a very small gathering of probably 20 to 40 people."

The hunting will take place on BLM land around the state, Schroeder said.

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