When they banned ranchers from poisoning coyotes in the early 1970 there had to be different ideas to control the predation of the coyotes on their live stock. These derby's help ranchers control the coyote population to keep them from harassing their herds. Derby's such as this may seem to overbearing but their is no way that the government trapper would be able to manage populations on his own. It would be a disastrous decision to make these derby's illegal due to coyote population going unchecked.