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Grazing of domestic livestock on public lands of the western United States is a major source of habitat destruction. I quantified nest success of ground-nesting Dark-eyed Juncos (*Junco hyemalis*) breeding in ponderosa pine forests and pine savannah in the Kaibab National Forest of northern Arizona. Comparison of results for areas grazed by cattle to results for immediately adjacent areas protected from grazing revealed that cattle grazing was associated with a dramatic (75%) reduction in nest success. Cattle grazing reduced vegetation cover over nests by an average of 41%, exposing the nest to more extreme climactic conditions as well as possibly making them more conspicuous to predators.