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Abstract: Black grouse deaths through collisions with cables were studied at ski resorts. Though largely ignored, this mortality is important relative to population numbers. As it is not selective, it could be a direct threat to grouse populations. The inconspicuousness of wires combined with interference to the birds' habits, and human disturbance, are the main factors causing accidents. Collisions are far more frequent on ski-tows and electricity lines than on chairlifts. Recommendations are given.