

PROTECT SIGHTS FOR TRAVEL

HEY! I COULD USE SOME PROTECTION OUT HERE!

ALL THIS GRAVEL WILL CRACK MY LENSES!

Dear Editor,

In my work as a CECOM LAR, I often see convoys of vehicles traveling across rough ground with optics facing forward and unprotected. The CROWS (common remotely operated weapon station) and LRAS3 (long range advanced scout surveillance system) are good examples of what I'm talking about.

Gravel kicked up by the vehicles can very easily crack the lenses on these very, very expensive systems. Units can save themselves mountains of money by either covering the optics for travel or turning them so they don't face forward. If you're not in a combat environment, there is absolutely no reason for these optics to be left exposed to whatever is kicked up off the road.

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Editor's note: Protecting optics for travel should be part of every unit's SOP, Gregory. If sights are missing their covers, order more. In the meantime, use old tarps or something similar to protect optics.