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Subject: Just a thought

Has anyone ever considered putting cellular transmission antennae on blimps? Living in florida i am well aware of the fact that most cell phones don't work after a hurricane due to lack of power and damage to cell phone towers. I was just thinking that perhaps putting them on blimps and circling the affected areas would give both civilians and government officials cell phone service when they need it most. A blimp is large and slow moving so people would know when they saw it that they could use their cell phones. And being farther up in the air they would seem to have a range advantage. I don't know the technical aspects of doing this but it doesnt seem too unreasonable. They could have signs on their sides like the goodyear blimps to instruct people to use their phones. You might even consider having goodyear outfit their blimps for this purpose. There is one in florida , ohio, and california. Just a thought.

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