

If Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs) have access to unused unlicensed television bands the broadband alternatives will make efforts to bring communications into disaster relief areas a simple matter to address.

The end result of the WISP lack of access to usable bands with better propagation is that many who could have been served in gulf affected areas were not served at all, by anyone. Heavily treed areas or areas simply beyond the radio line of sight of the unlicensed bands we use made access to those who needed help difficult if not impossible in some cases. Sometimes those who were served took longer to get service because of the need to run extra equipment to overcome line of sight issues which led to delays.