



**Event Type:** Cell Phone Service Reception Lesson

**Location:** In Areas of Poor Cell Service

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## **Poor Cell Service? Try This Method for Getting a Call or Text Out**

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I want to share a lesson about getting phone calls and texts out when you're in an area of poor service.

Say you're located where you have one bar but cannot get a call out or a text. Almost without fail, if you put your phone on speaker and place it on the dash with it leaning against the windshield you will be able to get a call or at least a text out.

Something about this set-up gives your phone a pretty significant boost.

Myself and others have been doing this for the past couple of years. It really works.

Credit for this helpful technique goes to Dan Kaufenberg of the Dolores Ranger District on the San Juan National Forest. Dan originally showed me how to do this.



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