

Global Rescue Evacuates Hunting Report Subscriber from Mozambique

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A second Hunting Report subscriber this season has reported calling on the medical evacuation services of Global Rescue during a safari in Africa. You'll recall I told you about Global Rescue's evacuation of subscriber John Searles, who almost died of pulmonary edema while hunting mountain nyala in Ethiopia this past April. Now, longtime subscriber David E. Combs says his eyesight was saved thanks to a medical extraction by Global Rescue during his hunt in Mozambique earlier this month.

According to Combs, he arrived in Africa with slightly impaired vision in his right eye, but upon some improvement the following he day decided to continue with his safari to Mozambique. By the time he arrived in camp, his vision was so bad he called his doctor in California, who urged him to obtain medical attention right away for a possible detached retina. Faced with a total lack in local medical services, Combs called Global Rescue. Within an hour they had consulted a John Hopkins eye specialist to assess the problem, and the next morning Global Rescue had a medical jet in Beira with a doctor and nurse on board to begin Combs' medical work up. Combs arrived in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he was examined by an ophthalmic surgeon and immediately scheduled for emergency surgery. Combs spent two weeks in South Africa recovering before returning home to the United States. His eye sight was saved.

"I must offer the highest praise to Global Rescue and their team members," Combs wrote in his e-mail to me. "During the first 24 hours after arriving in Joburg their team members were calling me every few hours to check on me and make sure I was receiving proper care and attention. Following this, one of their team members called me once a day until I departed

for California. Upon my return home they again called to see how I was getting along. While I was in Joburg, they intervened with Delta Airlines to assist with my return and also notified my medical insurance carrier.

"I urge anyone who travels to remote locations, even in the US, to join Global Rescue. They promptly responded to my problem without any hassles, put me in the hands of top-notch medical providers and closely followed my progress. I can assure you my family and I will be lifelong members. In fact, my son is in Cambodia as I write this, and it gives me a great deal of peace knowing he is a member of Global Rescue."

Here at The Hunting Report, we are all relieved to hear that Combs will be alright. His experience is just another example of why I urge subscribers to invest in a Global Rescue membership. Having just returned from a trip to the Niassa Reserve in Mozambique myself, I can attest to the lack of medical services, much less emergency services, available there. As much as I love the wild, remote and undeveloped places of this Earth, I wouldn't dream of traveling to them without a Global Rescue membership card in my pocket and a satellite phone to call them from in an emergency. Don't leave on another trip without signing up. It's quite inexpensive compared to the cost of an emergency extraction. Remember, it cost The Hunting Report's Founding Editor Don Causey \$125,000 to be evacuated from Cameroon when he fell from a machan and broke his back almost five years ago.

Learn more about Global Rescue at www.globalrescue.com/ huntingreport or call 800-381-9754, and don't forget to tell them you're a Hunting Report subscriber! - Barbara Crown, Editor.