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Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, I think you might be experiencing some hypoxia, would you like a lower altitude?

N591WA: One whiskey alpha.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, you're barely readable, would you like lower?

N591WA: One whiskey alpha, one whiskey alpha.

GLA762: Center Lakes Air seven sixty two, sir we have enough fuel to go down try to get a visual on um the guy over there, at his altitude he's not gonna make it, not without oxygen up that high.

Rohrer: Okay I'm trying to find out what's going on, there's a female talking in the background, it sounds like there might be a pilot issue, so I'm trying to figure out what's going on. Um I'm able to talk to him loud and clear so I don't need a relay. If I need a turn off course I appreciate your help but I'll let you know within the next three or four minutes.

N591WA: (unintelligible)...hang on, hang on, I'm trying to get him to, auto- autopilot, I don't know how to do this.

Rohrer: And anybody on the frequency familiar with a uh S-R twenty two Cirrus?

Rohrer: Lakes Air seven sixty two you're free to go ahead and use the frequency to talk to her, she's- the call sign's one whiskey alpha.

N591WA: I can hear you. We're at sixteen-

GLA762: One whiskey alpha, are you descending now?

N591WA: We're going down, I don't know where- sixteen four now...

GLA762: Have you ever flown an aircraft before, do you have experience?

N591WA: No.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha you're better off heading toward the southeast, um, somewhere around a one ten heading would be better for you reference terrain.

N591WA: Uh I gotta get down, I need to breathe.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, the terrain rises at your, um, if you continue northbound, it's quite a bit higher. I need you to start turning southbound as soon as you can. I'm sorry, one whiskey alpha are you flying the aircraft without the autopilot now?

N591WA: I was trying.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha is the pilot able to fly it or are you doing it yourself?

N591WA: He's getting there.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, okay if you continue on that heading it's a much lower altitude and you can, you're able to stay at a lower altitude, it'll be easier to breathe.

N591WA: Right.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, have you got the uh pilot, getting better or are you able to breathe?

N591WA: Yes I am, but I've got an autopilot uh un- to disable, I don't, I don't understand.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, also Farmington airport is off at your, uh, about a two sixty heading and twenty-six miles.

N591WA: Okay that would be better.

GLA762: One whiskey alpha you need to get below ten thousand feet and you'll feel better. You're too hypoxic to think straight, you just need to get below ten.

N591WA: He's got oxygen on, it's just not, he's not com-

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha if you'd like to go to Farmington we can do that. Uh it'd be a two sixty-five heading.

N591WA: You know, I think I'm better off going to Colorado Springs, um. I'm better off going to Colorado Springs, I'm not ready to land the airport.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, okay the problem with going to Colorado Springs is you got to go all the way up to seventeen thousand feet, and then we're in the hypoxia again. Uh your best bet is to maneuver around the Farmington area where it's nice and low even if you're not ready to land.

GLA762: Uh you're gonna need to call uh the trucks uh, that's what we're gonna have to, you're gonna have to see if you can get a helicopter, if this guy is not able to land. He sounds totally incapacitated, we're gonna have to tell him to pull the parachute.

Rohrer: Lakes Air seven sixty-two roger, and is he incapacitated again?

GLA762: I can just tell by how he's talking, he's conscious but he can't think straight whatsoever.

Rohrer: November one whiskey alpha, Farmington airport twelve o'clock, five miles.

N591WA: I did-

Rohrer: One whiskey alpha, are you ready land or do you want to fly around?

N591WA: Uh I'd like to see what I can do whiskey alpha, set it up to land.

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