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*I hardly ever actually am the first to come upon the lost person, but my skills are helpful in determining direction of travel to narrow the search area and to focus the efforts of other searchers. All searches are a team effort.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> McCarter, Dwight. (1998) *LOST! A Ranger's Journal of Search and Rescue*. Yellow Springs, OH: Graphicom Press, p. 131.