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**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: need to touch base today  
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FYI and can you reference this email (and maybe attach) to the alternative arrangements request?

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Hi Carol,

Thank you for approaching us on the question related to the emergency actions at Gateway National Park. Based on the information you provided, we believe that this emergency could be addressed through the DOI NEPA emergency procedures at 43 CFR 46.150(b)-(c). At this time, we do not believe that alternative arrangements under 40 CFR 1506.12 are needed because there is no likelihood for actions that would result in significant impacts to the human environment.

CEQ commends and fully supports DOI's and NPS efforts and framework to address NEPA for your actions in this situation. We encourage you to take a look at our guidance on emergency situations (<https://ceq.doe.gov/docs/nepa-practice/emergencies-and-nepa-guidance-2020.pdf>) as you consider the documentation you would develop pursuant to 43 CFR 46.150(c),

We are available to discuss alternative arrangements in the future if this situation changes and DOI or NPS identifies an action that could have significant impacts to the human environment and, as a result, necessitate the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Thank you for your coordination on this matter.

Jomar

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Hi Jomar,

Any update from our call Tuesday? Interior is still anticipating taking next steps this week.

Thanks,  
Carol

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**From:** Braegelmann, Carol  
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Hi Jomar,

Welcome back and hope you enjoyed your time off. Left you a voice and need to start some coordination with CEQ today on a potential proposed action—can you give me a call as soon as possible? My cell number is listed below. Thank you.

Carol

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