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Dear Dave Barthelmy

We've been checking out recent earth science news sources again and come across an article about the discovery of "opaline silicates" on Mars by the US Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter. This suggests that water may have remained on the surface of Mars a great deal longer than previously thought.

Having worked in some of the opal mining centres of Australia we wonder if NASA has taken into account the tenacity, motivation and inventiveness of opal miners and fossickers. In the near future will NASA be reporting 'dozer scrapes and what appears to be the entrance to dugouts in the faces of cliffs associated with the opal finds?

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All the best.

Susan and Bruce