

These are the "Comments" by GS member Evan Day, submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in regard to their "Draft Resource Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DRMP/EIS). The Price comment date passed on December 13th, and Kanab on the 10th of January. Richfield will close on the 23rd of January; it affects directly our collecting areas near Starr Springs, Clay Point, and the Salina Blue area.

Evan is finalizing a detailed comment for the Richfield DRMP; which interestingly includes a paragraph:

"3.4.6.3.5 OTHER MINERALS

*Other mineral materials considered in Mineral Potential Report include oyster shell, petrified wood, jasper, agate, and chalcedony. Oyster shell from the Dakota Formation has been used for road surfacing in Wayne County. There is also interest in oyster shell for agricultural use. **It is considered unlikely that the other mineral materials considered will have development beyond hobby or casual use within the next 15 years.**" (Emphasis by Evan.)*

WOW! The BLM finally recognized that we exist! AND we can point to this paragraph in pleading that WE have a legitimate claim to recreation use in at least this district. Evan has a complete package of the DRMP/EIS including a CD with detailed maps. It can also be accessed on-line at

<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/richfield/planning.html>

- [Letter to BLM Field Office in Richfield, Utah](#)
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