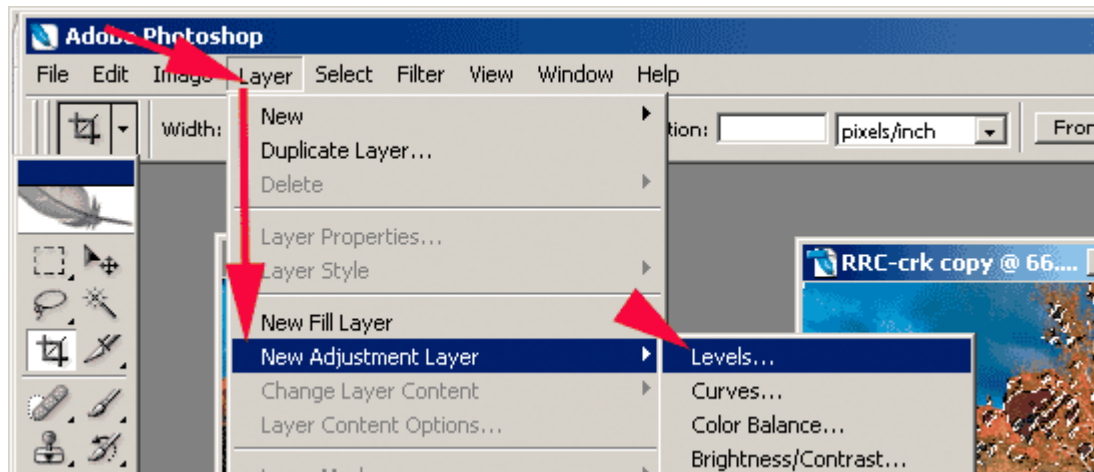**EZ-FEATHERING** – This technique will give you a **VISUAL** when feathering the edge of a selection.
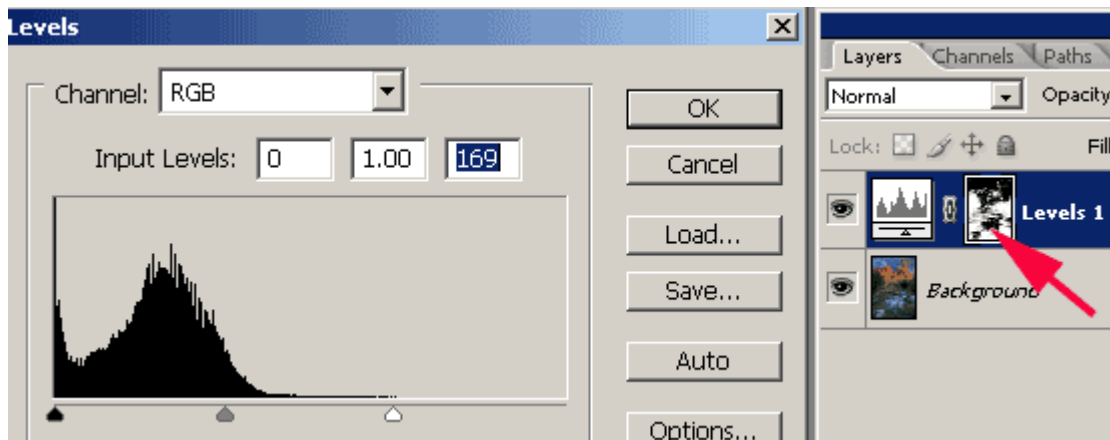
1. Create a selection around the area that needs adjusting. In the case of my image, I would like to open up the Shadows so I selected the darkest areas in the image. **DO NOT FEATHER**.
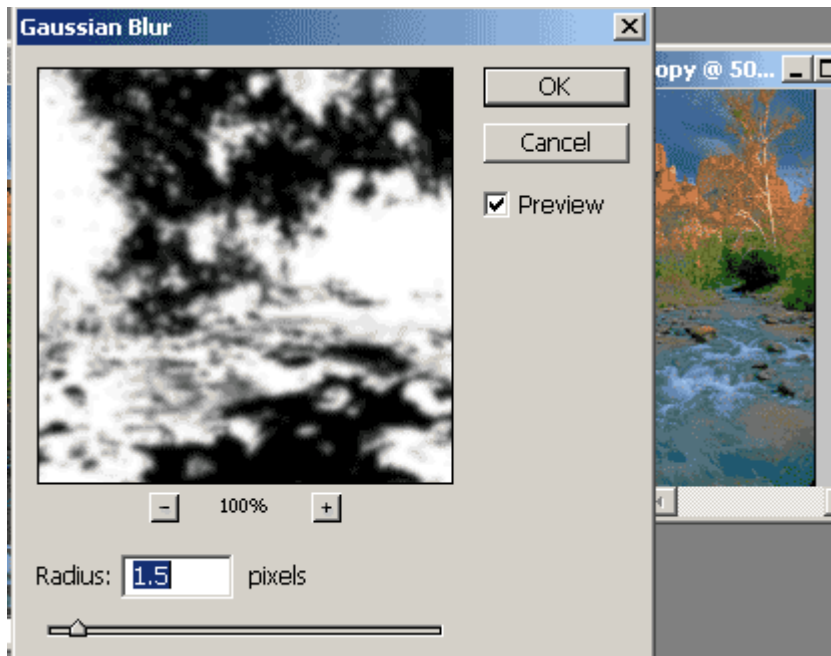

2. With the selection active (marching ants showing), go to the top toolbar (PS or Elements), click on LAYER>NEW ADJUSTMENT LAYER> and choose the adjustment needed. In my case, I want to make a Levels adjustment.

3. A dialog box will come up for whichever adjustment you chose. Note also that you now have a new layer with a mask attached. The WHITE areas of the Mask indicate your selection.

4. The first thing you notice is that your adjustment probably looks awful. That's because the selection was not featured. Go to the top toolbar and click on FILTER>BLUR>GAUSSIAN BLUR. When the dialog box comes up, watch your image while dragging the slider. You are now watching feathering in action!

That's it!

Make it a goal to NEVER USE THE FEATHER COMMAND AGAIN!