Reduce Bigger Hammer sky halos.atn – User manual

General purpose

This action only makes sense in the context of the Picture Postcard Workflow (PPW). The PPW panel contains an action called Bigger Hammer, very powerful but also very prone to haloing, especially in clear blue skies. The Reduce BH sky halos action is supposed to run immediately after the PPW's Bigger Hammer action has finished, and in many cases will considerably reduce halos in blue sky areas.

Layer structure

The action creates a new layer "Reduce BH sky halos layer" in the (already existing) group Bigger Hammer. This layer is supposed to contain the de-haloed blue image areas only. It comes with a white mask, enabling the user to mask out unwanted corrections.

All other layers of the Bigger Hammer group are left untouched.

Compatibility

The action runs in any Photoshop version from CS2 on.

Limitations, drawbacks and pitfalls

- The action only works well when it is invoked right after the Bigger Hammer action was run.
- The action may flatten other blue image areas. When that happens, they can easily be masked out in the created layer.

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