

RockWare Image Linker (RIL)



Step-by-Step Tutorial

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Click on the “New” button and enter a name for your new project. In this example, “Morrison_Roadcut” will be used for the Project Name (Figure 1).

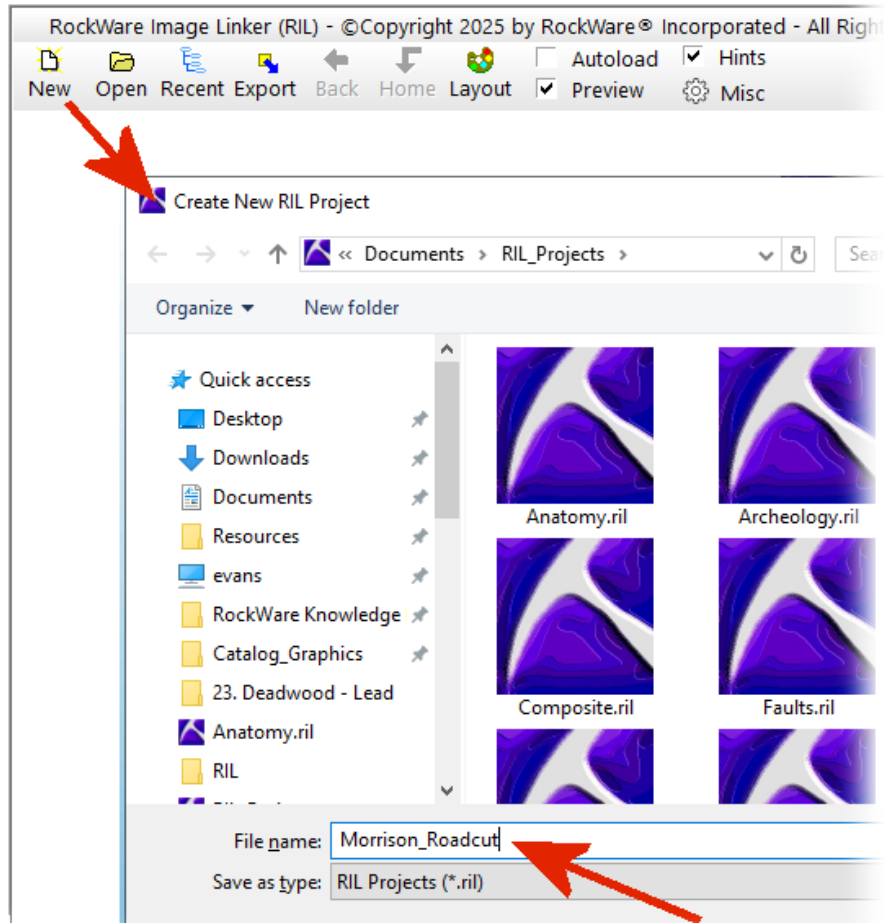


Figure 1

After clicking the “Create New Project Folder” button, you will be prompted to “Select the Initial (“Home”) Image” (Figure 2). This is the image that will be displayed when the project is initially viewed. Note that this file will be automatically copied into the new Project Folder.

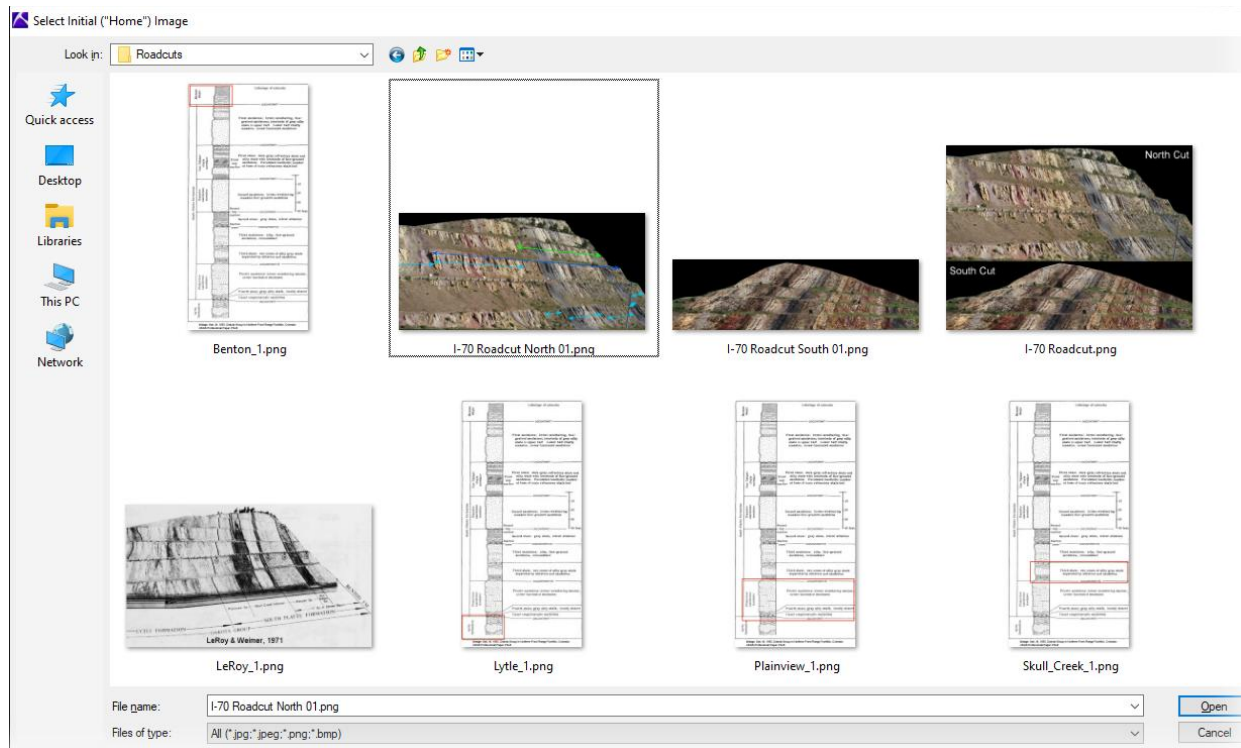


Figure 2

Once the Home image has been selected, the image will be displayed and the Project name will be displayed at the top of the screen (Figure 3). You're now ready to start adding "HotSpots".

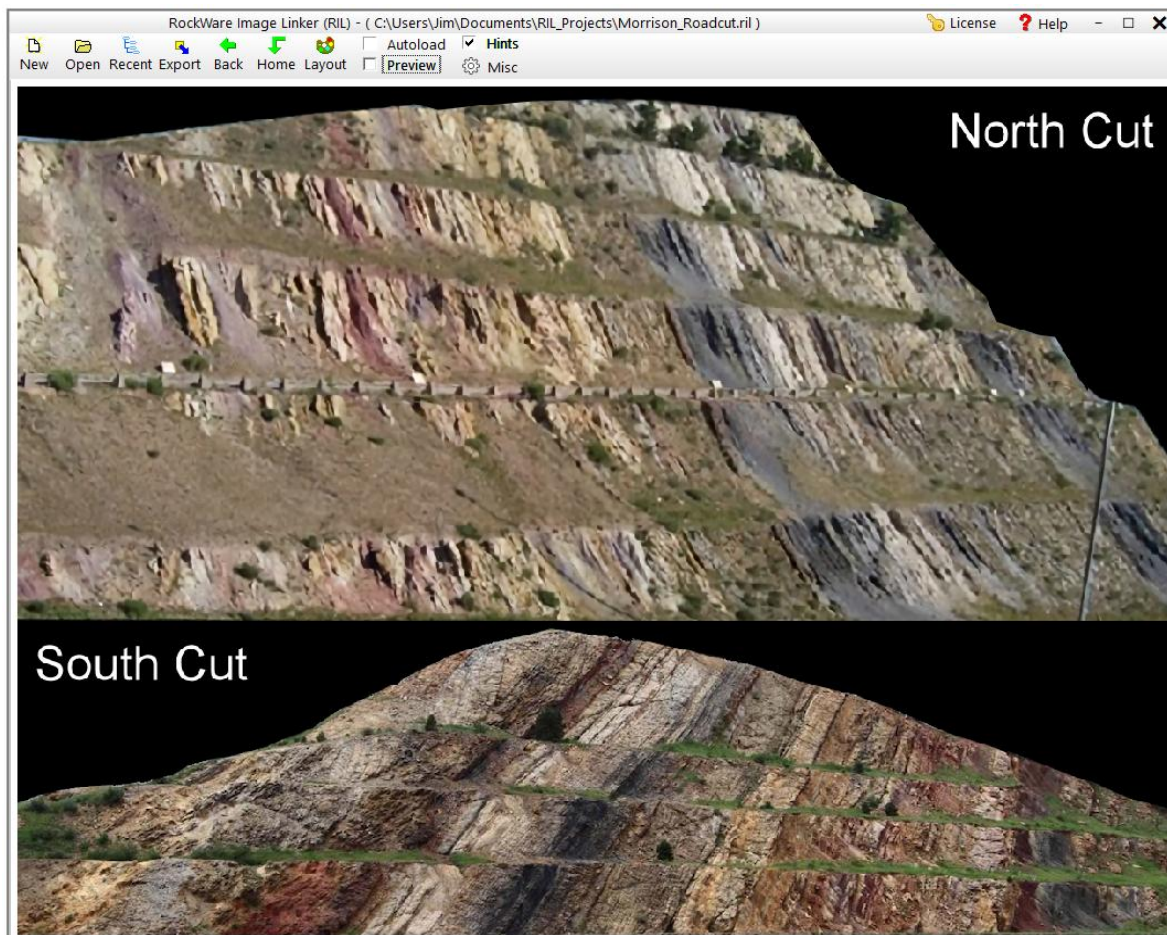


Figure 3

1. Click on a point of interest and the “Add HotSpot” dialog box will appear. We’ll start by just adding a note to the HotSpot (Figure 4) and pressing the OK button.

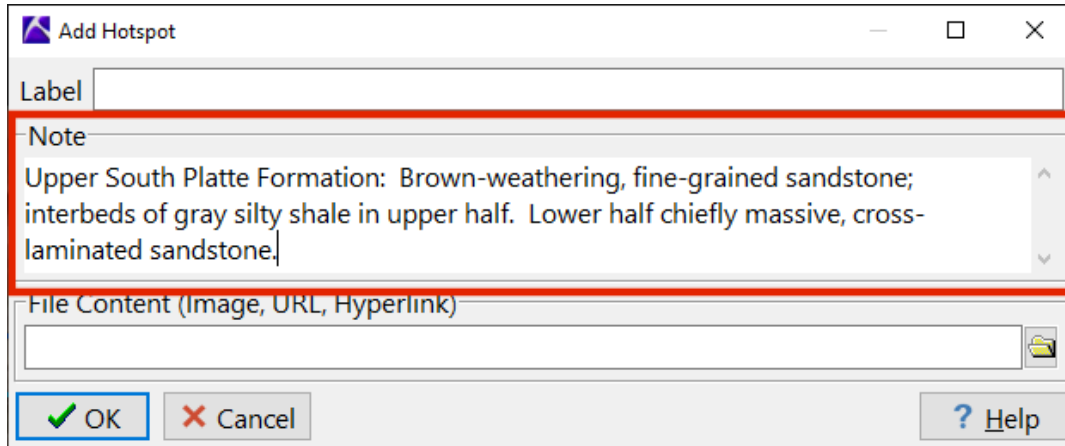


Figure 4

2. A red circle will now appear on the image. Clicking on this circle will display a dialog box with the associated note (Figure 5).

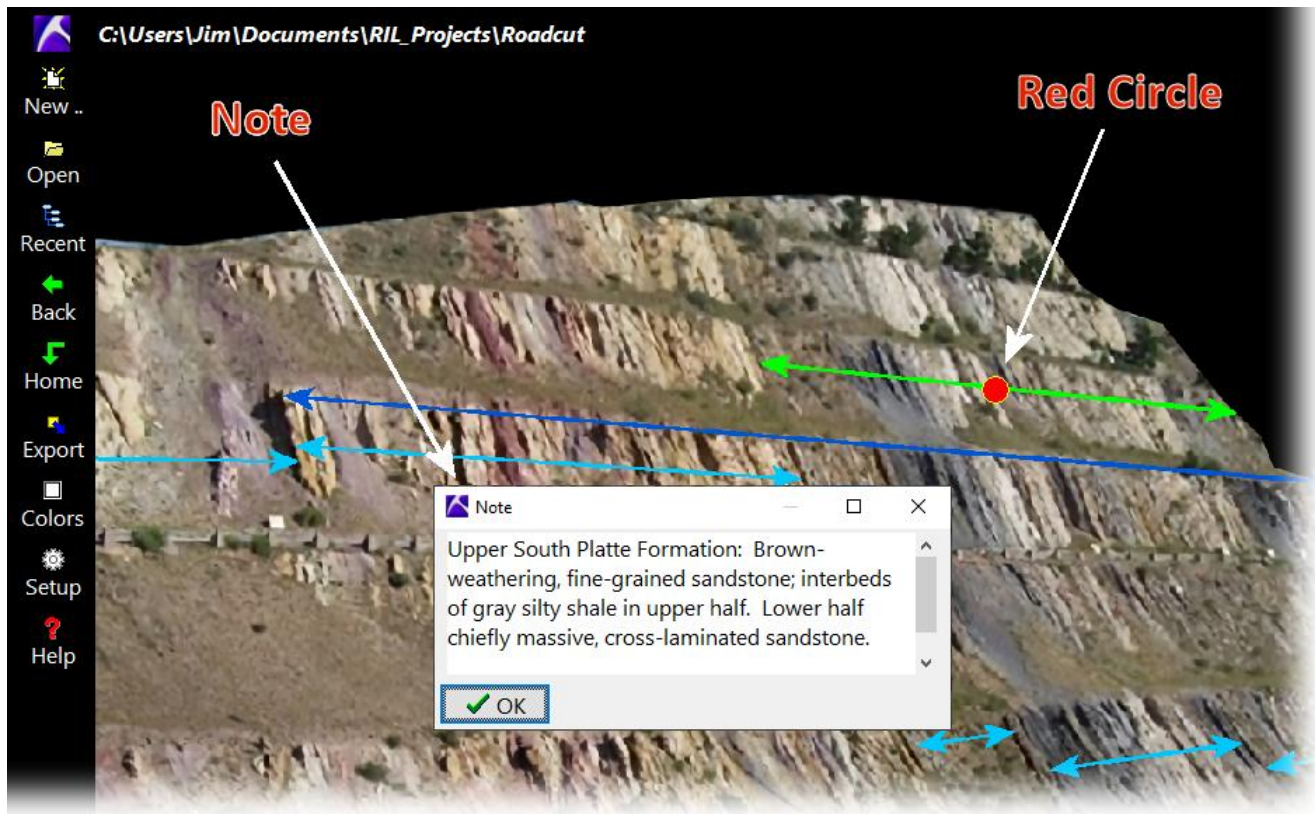


Figure 5

3. Let's modify this HotSpots behavior by right-clicking on the red circle and selecting the "Edit" option from the small menu that will pop up (Figure 6).

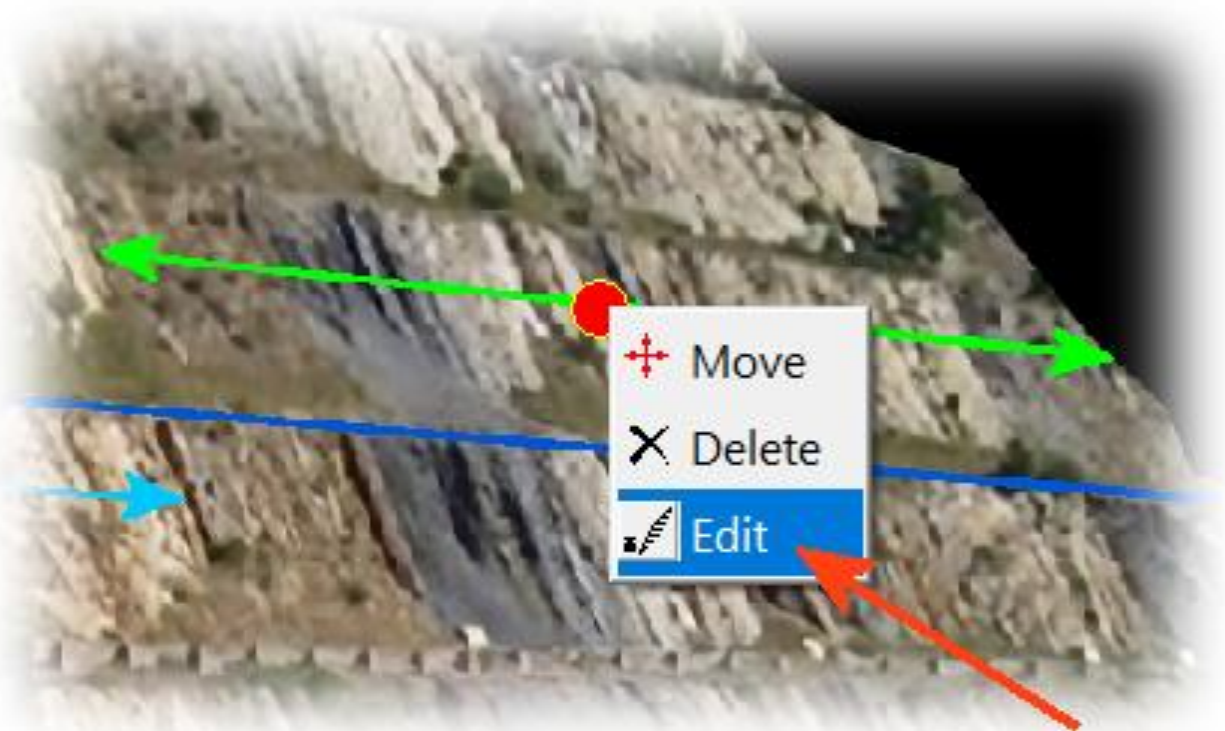


Figure 6

4. In this next step, we'll add two things to the HotSpot (Figure 7). First, we'll add a label, and then we'll add a link to an image by clicking on the file icon and locating the desired image. As with the Home image, this image will be automatically copied into the Project Folder.

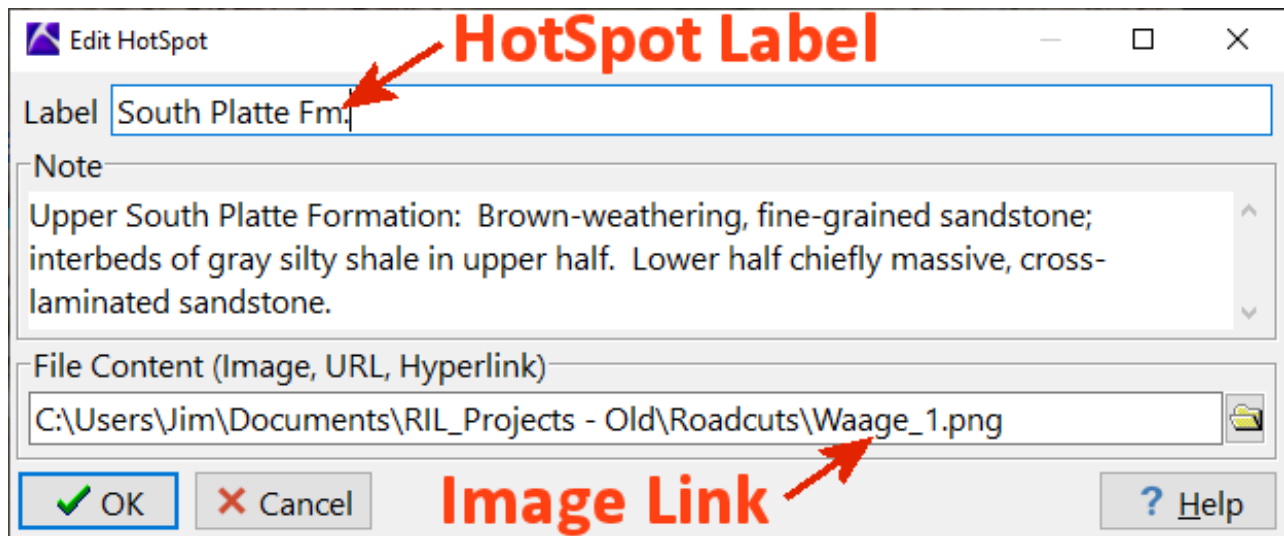


Figure 7

5. Once the OK button has been clicked, the Home image will include the Label (Figure 8) and clicking on the HotSpot will now "jump" to the linked image which will also include the Note dialog (Figure 9).

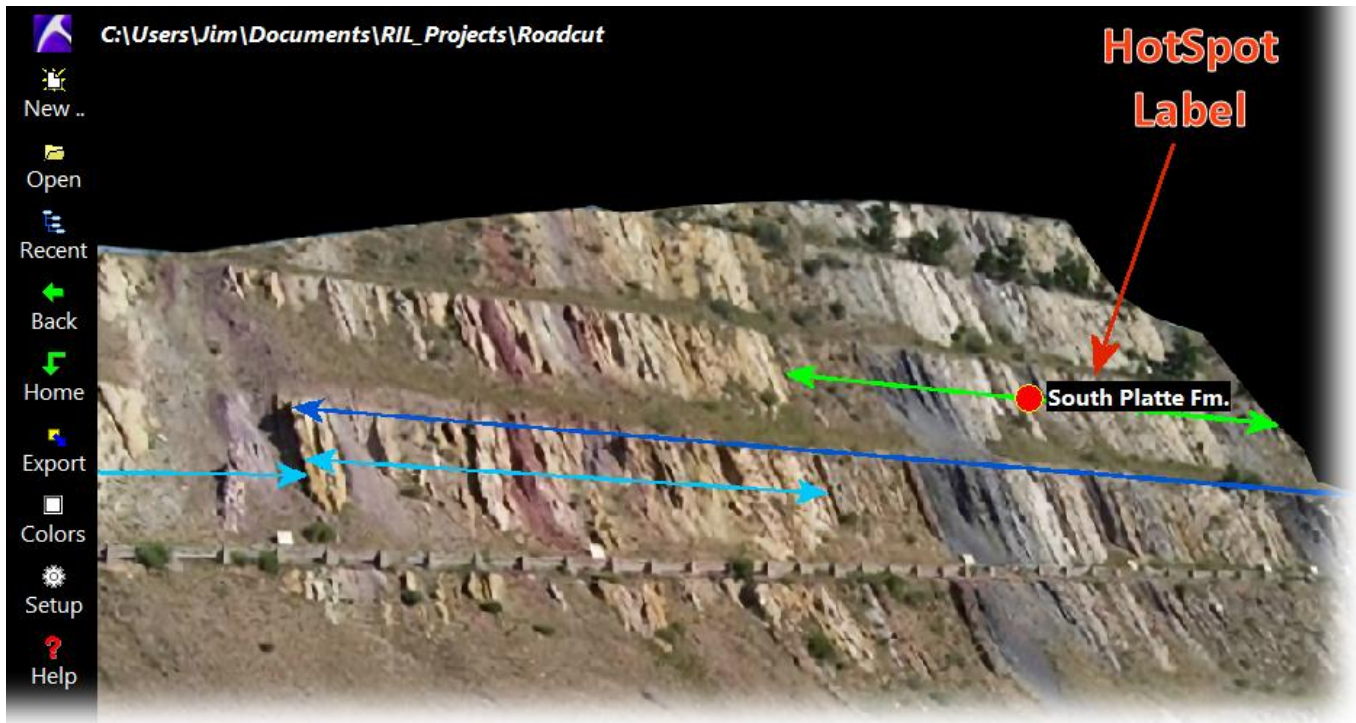


Figure 8

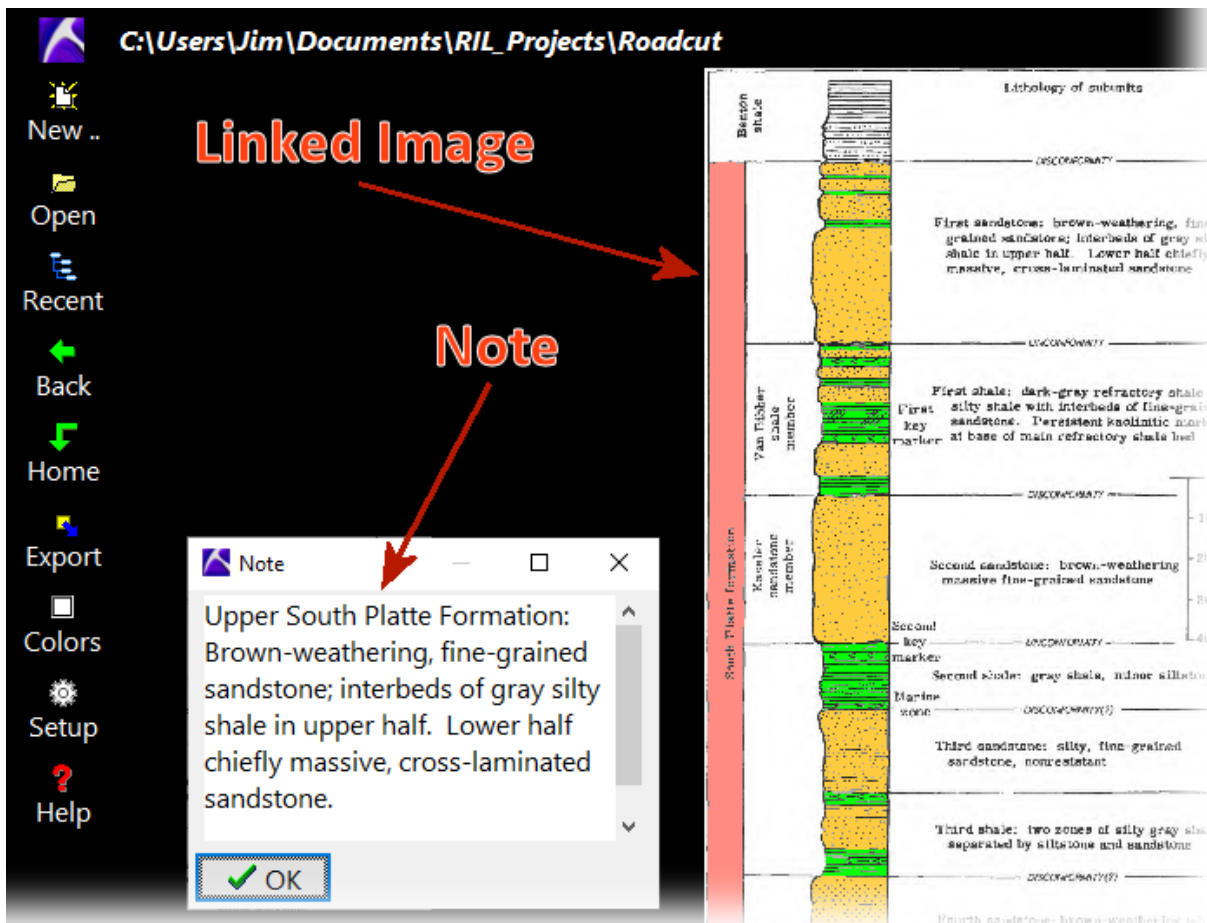


Figure 9

- If desired, you can now click on the “Back” button to return to the Home image to add more HotSpots (Figure 10), or you can add HotSpots to the linked images to create a “drill-down” presentation with unlimited levels.

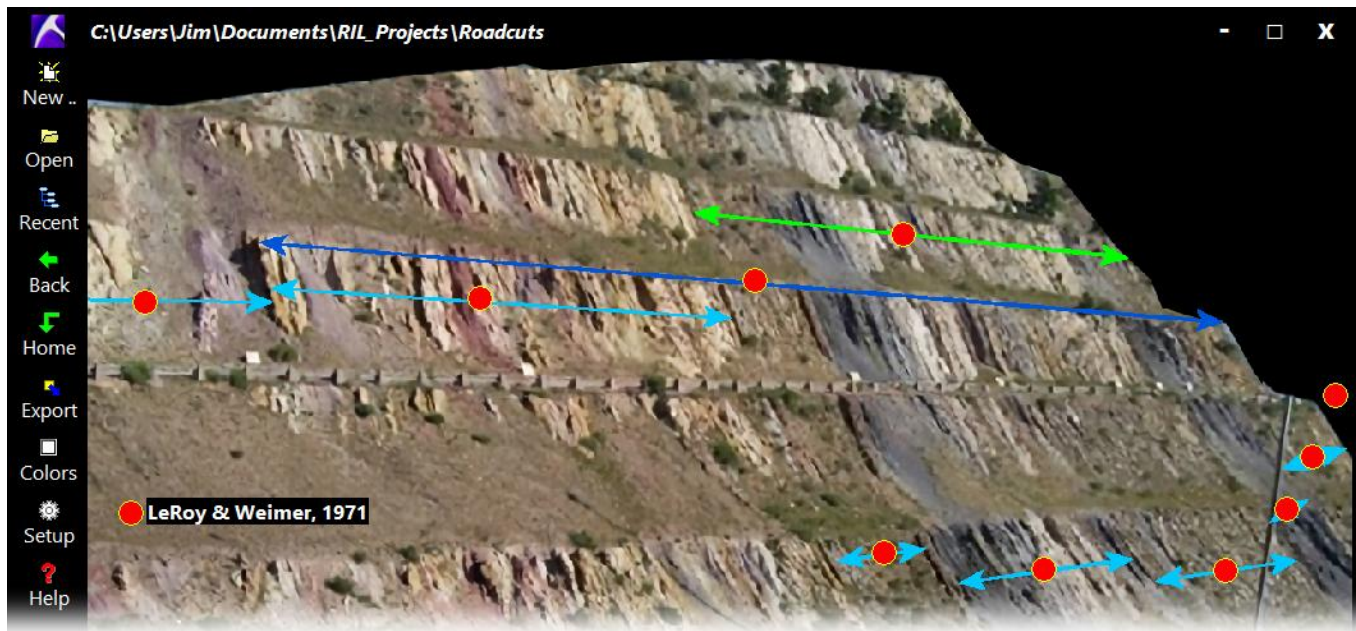


Figure 10

7. The file linking is not limited to images. URLs (web addresses) and files such as Word, Excel and videos can be linked to HotSpots. For example, in the example shown below (Figure 11), an Excel file has been linked to the HotSpot labeled “PFAS Results”. As a consequence, clicking on the PFAS Results HotSpot will display the analytical results at that particular site (Figure 12).

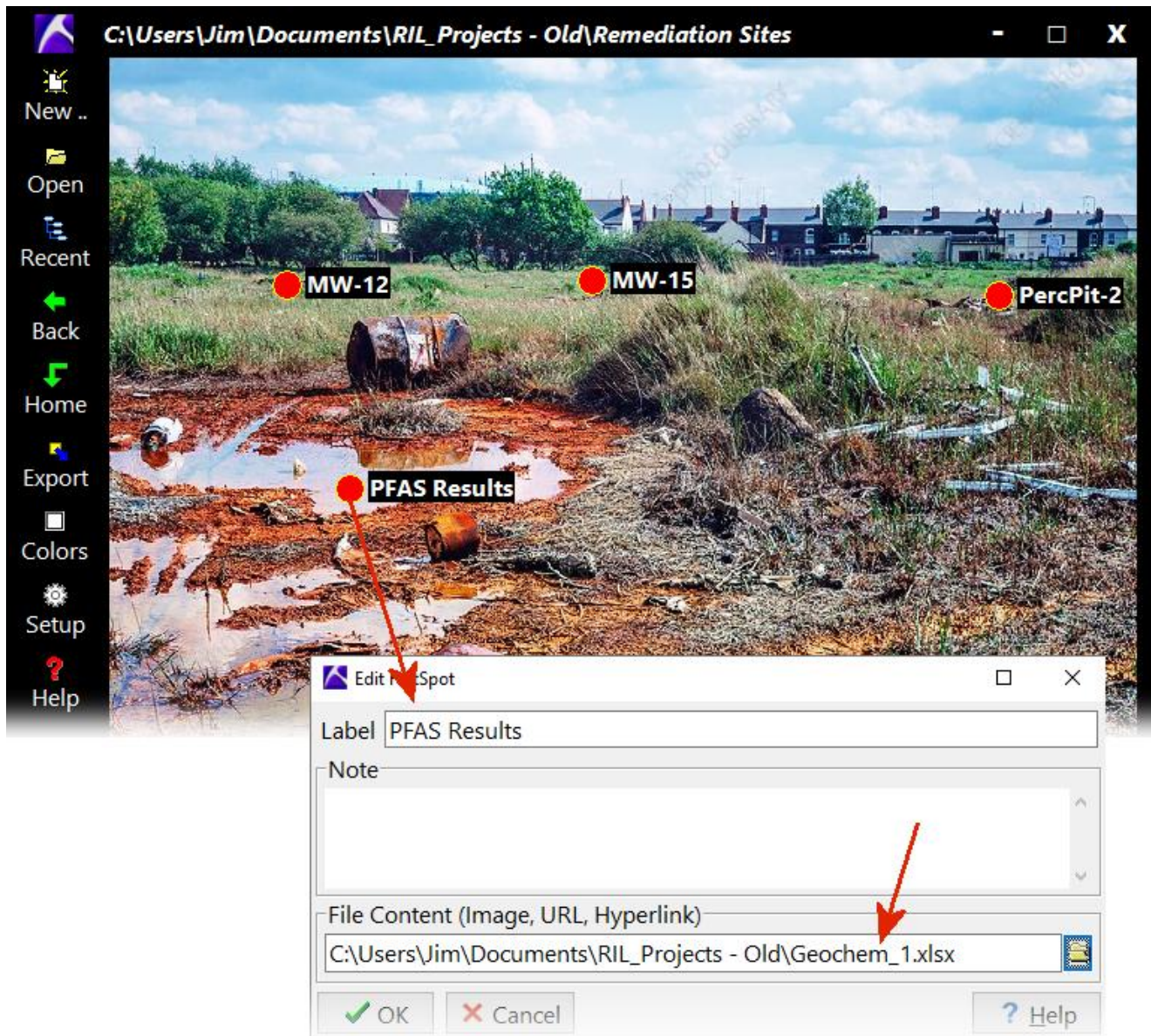


Figure 11

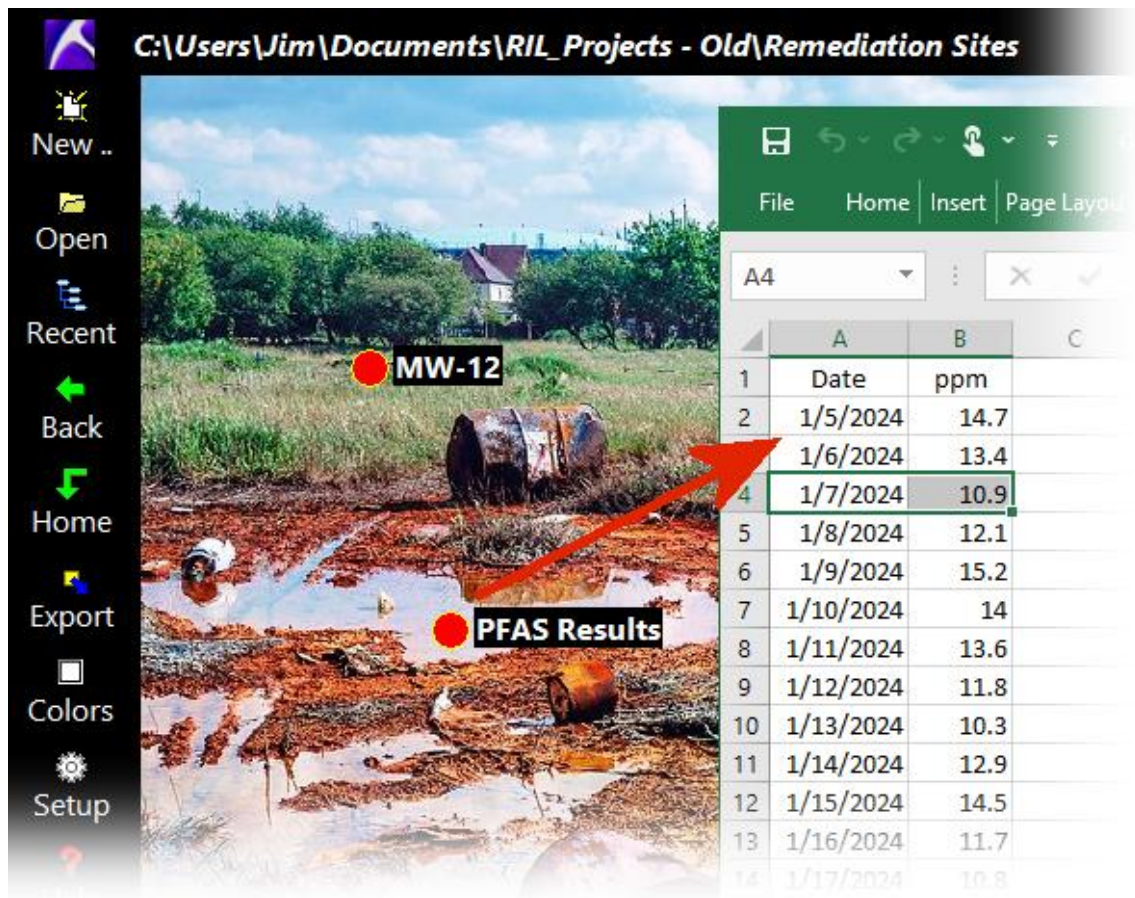


Figure 12

8. RIL projects may be exported to other formats by clicking on the Export button (Figure 13).



Figure 13

- **HTML:** RIL projects may be exported to web sites to create interactive “tours” that mimic the behavior of the RIL program.
- **PowerPoint:** RIL projects may be converted to PowerPoint files for presentation at PowerPoint-only venues.
- **ZIP:** RIL projects may be compressed into Zip files thereby making it easier to distribute to colleagues who can interactively “tour” your project using the free version of the RIL program.