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## **Governor Bill Richardson Announces “Seraphim Falls” Will Shoot In New Mexico**

### **Production will employ at least 100 New Mexicans**

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced that Mel Gibson’s Icon Productions will shoot the feature film *Seraphim Falls* this fall in Santa Fe, Taos and locations in the southern part of the state, employing at least 100 New Mexicans.

“New Mexico has the most successful film incentive package in the county,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “We continue to grow the film industry here in New Mexico, creating high-wage jobs and moving our economy forward.”

New Mexico beat out Canada for this project because of the state’s aggressive incentive package. The cast will include: Liam Neeson (*Batman Begins*, *Kinsey*, *Gangs of New York*) and Pierce Brosnan (*James Bond*, *The Thomas Crown Affair*). The film will be directed by David Von Ancken. Bruce Davey, President of Mel Gibson’s Icon Productions, and David Flynn will be producing the project.

Neeson’s character, an American Civil War army colonel, pursues Brosnan’s character across the West to avenge his family’s death.

Under the Richardson Administration, film and television production has grown from a cumulative \$8 million in the year prior to his administration, to over \$400 million in his first 30 months alone. This film marks the 31<sup>st</sup> production shot in New Mexico since Richardson took office.

“This is a perfect production for the State of New Mexico, as the landscape plays an important role in the storyline,” stated Lisa Strout, Director of the New Mexico Film Office, a division within the New Mexico Economic Development Department. “*Seraphim Falls* will highlight the diversity of New Mexico by shooting from one end of our state to the other.”