

Spirit Warrior begins filming

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Warner Bros. has announced that production is tentatively scheduled to begin March 15 on the movie *Spirit Warrior*. Steven Segal will be starring and also making his directing debut.

Scenes for the film are anticipated to be shot in Nome, Valdez, Fairbanks and Anchorage. Although Montana is being considered as a possible site, the majority of the movie will be shot in L.A.

The studio is expecting to spend \$5.1 million in the state. This includes hiring approximately 100 locals for 3,000 man days through completion. Principal photography, the entire time it takes to shoot is expected to take 90 days. Average time for principal photography is 60 to 70 days.

The production has already involved skin sewers in Nome and Shishmaref. It has also hired casting, drivers and clerical assistance.

Although most of the

construction for the interior shooting was done in L.A., they are presently enroute by truck to Alaska.

To ensure that the Inupiaq culture is correctly portrayed, research had been done in cooperation with Bering Straits Native Corporation and Sitnasuak in Nome. Segal himself has been consulting with the Elders there. The scouts had travelled to Barrow to study housing and living conditions.

The film may also incorporate the Inupiat language with English subtitles.