

Nominee: Libby

Award: Outstanding Film Community

Statement of Nomination:

The 2016 Academy Awards show may have been full of politically charged commentary and a few awkward moments, but what matters most is that scenes from the Libby, MT area appeared on-screen during ABC's Oscars broadcast.

Survival epic "The Revenant," (based on a book from Missoula author Michael Punke) directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu, shot mostly in Alberta, Canada in harsh conditions and constantly changing weather. But in August 2015 the film crew set up camp for 10 days in the Libby area to shoot a complicated stunt scene.

From the Flathead Beacon:

"Pam Peppenger, executive director of the Libby Chamber of Commerce, said the decision to shoot the film in Northwest Montana was a welcome boon to Libby, where the crews stayed at the Sandman Motel and ate at its restaurants.

"It was very exciting. Libby is ready for it. We are ready for a change," she said. "It's big Hollywood and it's little Libby but they love hanging out here because it's so beautiful and the people are so amazing."

Sandman Motel owner Shane Hill said the crews lodged with him and other Libby hoteliers, and dined and shopped in the community.

"It was definitely a boost to the community because they had to go out and eat. It was a benefit," Hill said. "It's a beautiful part of the country up here. There is just endless beauty."

"The Revenant" was nominated for 12 Oscars and took home three statues including "Best Cinematography"...we'd like to think Montana helped.

Website or relevant link:

<http://flatheadbeacon.com/2015/12/20/the-revenant/>

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<http://www.indiewire.com/article/where-i-shot-it-how-the-filmmakers-found-the-perfect-locations-for-the-revenant-20151104>

Website or relevant link:

<http://missoulanews.bigskypress.com/GreenRoom/archives/2015/12/23/missoulas-connection-to-the-manliest-movie-of-the-year>

