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Yancey County Welcomes Major Motion Picture Studio Series Production to Burnsville

“The Yancey Economic Development Commission, Yancey County and the Town of Burnsville are pleased to welcome Amazon Studios’ production of its upcoming sci-fi thriller drama, *The Peripheral* to our community for production and filming in locations in and around Burnsville in fall of this year” announced Yancey EDC Executive Director Jamie McMahan. “We are pleased at the opportunity to join our neighbors in Marshall, Weaverville, and Asheville in welcoming this major studio production project to our western North Carolina community” added McMahan.

Based on the work of acclaimed sci-fi author, William Gibson, production of the series *The Peripheral*, is produced for Amazon Studios by creator/executive producer Scott B. Smith (*A Simple Plan*), and Executive Producers Jonathan Nolan and Lisa Joy and their Los Angeles-based production company, Kilter Films. A critically acclaimed Academy and Emmy Award nominated writer, director, and producer Nolan is known for his work on *The Dark Knight*, *Interstellar*, and *Memento*. Joy, an Emmy Award-nominated writer, director, and producer made her directorial debut with the film *Reminiscence*, currently in theaters. Their production studio, Kilter Films produces HBO’s hit series *Westworld*. Filming in western North Carolina, including locations in and around Burnsville, is scheduled to begin shortly in fall 2021.

“The Yancey County Economic Development Commission is dedicated to promoting economic investment in our community across all sectors. This opportunity to join our colleagues in neighboring counties to host a premiere film production project broadens the diversity of our economic development opportunities into new industry sectors, will result in the direct economic impact of dollars spent in our community, and will advance the tourism and visitor economy of Yancey County which has seen explosive year over year growth in recent years. Yancey EDC and our partner local governments look forward to hosting this project and extend a warm welcome to the *The Peripheral* and its creative and production team, cast and crew” said EDC Director McMahan.

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