

Deadline, who have been keeping us updated on the progress of The Lone Ranger since it was first put on hold due to budgetary concerns, now reveal that things are finally looking up for the Disney movie. Producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Gore Verbinski have managed to bring what the studio feared would be a \$250 million budget to a far more manageable level, with the paychecks for them and star Johnny Depp (as well as the production budget and shooting schedule) being the main casualties. The site reveal that everything should be finalized by next week, and the crew is expected to be rehired then for a production start date of next January or February. Whether this will effect the planned release of December 21, 2012 is unknown (but it more than likely will) although on a brighter note, Johnny Depp (Disney wouldn't make the movie without him apparently) Armie Hammer

**Read more:** [http://www.comicbookmovie.com/fansites/joshw24/news/?a=46937&t=iThe Lone Ranger Likely To Start Production Next Year Will The Cast Also Return](http://www.comicbookmovie.com/fansites/joshw24/news/?a=46937&t=iThe_Lone_Ranger_Likely_To_Start_Production_Next_Year_Will_The_Cast_Also_Return)