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He said the company would “employ what we think is a safe, environmentally responsible Arctic exploration program.”

The Federal Northeast Program is a joint partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“Metamorphic Destruction” on Indigenous Lands, said the company’s oil is still “in its infancy” and the company is planning to conduct testing to determine the usefulness of the area, including geologic and hydrologic conditions.

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