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U.S. Intercepts Russian Warplanes off Alaska

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But they stayed in international airspace and did not enter U.S. or Canadian airspace, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said on Twitter.

An ADIZ is a perimeter within which air traffic is monitored by the air forces of one or more

friendly countries so they have extra time to react to hostile action.

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> NORAD F-22s, supported by KC-135 air refuelers and E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System, intercepted four Russian Tu-142 reconnaissance aircraft entering the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone on June 27, 2020.
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> video: https://t.co/jPJB21pen3
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> — North American Aerospace Defense Command (@NORADCommand) June 27, 2020

The U.S. has established four of these zones but a dozen or so other countries have also set their own up.

This was the fourth time this month that U.S. planes have intercepted Russian aircraft near Alaska.

On May 29, the Russian Defense Ministry published images of two U.S. B-1 bombers intercepted by Russia after flying over the Baltic and Black seas near Russia.

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