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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**History**

On November 13, 1996, the FAA proposed to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to amend Class E airspace at Holyoke, Colorado, to accommodate a new GPS SIAP and a NDB SIAP to the Holyoke Airport (61 FR 58150).

Interested parties were invited to participate in the rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of Federal Aviation Regulations amends Class E airspace at Holyoke, Colorado. The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore, (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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Holyoke Airport, CO

(Lat. 40°34'37" N, long. 102°16'42" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface with a 7.5-mile radius of the Holyoke Airport, and within 4.5 miles west and 8 miles east of the 023° bearing from the Holyoke Airport extending from the 7.5-mile radius to 17 miles north, and within 5 miles west and 8 miles east of the 180° bearing from the Holyoke Airport extending from the 7.5-mile radius to 22 miles south.

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14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-31]

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Change Controlling Agency for Restricted Areas 2905A (R-2905A) and R-2905B, Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB), FL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action changes the designated controlling agency for Restricted Areas R-2905A and R-2905B, Tyndall AFB, FL, from "FAA, Jacksonville ARTCC" to "Tyndall Radar Approach Control."

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, March 27, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Restricted Areas R-2905A and R-2905B lie within the confines of airspace delegated to Tyndall Radar Approach Control. It is necessary to change the designated controlling agency to reflect current airspace areas of responsibility.

The Amendment

This amendment to part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 73) changes the designated controlling agency for R-2905A and R-2905B, Tyndall AFB, FL, from "FAA, Jacksonville ARTCC" to "Tyndall Radar Approach Control."

Since this action simply changes the published controlling agency, the FAA finds that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary because this action is a minor technical amendment in which the public would not be particularly interested. Section 73.29 of part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was republished in FAA Order 7400.8D dated July 11, 1996.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This action is a minor administrative change amending the published controlling agency for Restricted Areas R-2905A and R-2905B. There are no changes to air traffic control procedures or routes as a result of this action. Also, there are no changes to the dimensions of type of activity conducted in these areas as a result of this action. Therefore, this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures under FAA Order 1050.1D, "Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts,"

and the National Environmental Policy Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73, as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 73.29 [Amended]

2. Section 73.53 is amended as follows:

R-2905A Tyndall AFB, FL [Amended]

By removing the current controlling agency and substituting the following:

“Controlling agency. Tyndall Radar Approach Control.”

R-2905B Tyndall AFB, FL [Amended]

By removing the current controlling agency and substituting the following:

“Controlling agency. Tyndall Radar Approach Control.”

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 22, 1997.

Jeff Griffith,

Program Director for Air Traffic Airspace Management.

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14 CFR Part 73

[Airspace Docket No. 95–ANM–28]

Amendment to Restricted Area R-2601 Fort Carson, CO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action subdivides Restricted Area 2601 (R-2601) Fort Carson, CO, into four separate areas to permit more efficient use of the airspace and reduces the time of designation. R-2601A is designated from the surface to but not including 12,500 feet mean sea level (MSL); R-2601B is designated from 12,500 feet MSL to but not including 22,500 feet MSL; R-2601C is designated from 22,500 feet MSL to but not including 35,000 feet MSL; and, R-2601D is designated from 35,000 feet MSL to but not including 60,000 feet MSL. This subdivision of the restricted area utilizes the existing lateral boundaries of R-2601. No new restricted airspace is established by this action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, March 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken McElroy, Airspace and Rules Division, ATA-400, Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-8783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As a result of a Department of Army review of restricted area utilization and operational requirements at Fort Carson, CO, the U.S. Army has requested changes in the Fort Carson restricted airspace. These changes affect only the internal boundaries and enhances efficient airspace utilization. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Section 73.26 of part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was republished in FAA Order 7400.8D dated July 11, 1996.

The Rule

This amendment to part 73 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 73) subdivides R-2601, Fort Carson, CO, into four separate areas to permit more efficient utilization of airspace. Currently, R-2601 extends from the surface to 60,000 feet MSL, with a time of designation of “continuous” to 35,000 feet and by a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) to 60,000 feet. The using agency has determined that the majority of mission activities currently do not require restricted airspace above 12,500 feet MSL. Certain activities, however, still require a ceiling for restricted airspace up to 60,000 feet MSL, but not on a “continuous” basis. This amendment will subdivide the existing R-2601 as follows: R-2601A is designated from the surface to but not including 12,500 feet MSL from 0500 to 2400 hours, Monday through Friday; other times by NOTAM one hour in advance. R-2601B is designated from 12,500 feet MSL to but not including 22,500 feet MSL by NOTAM one hour in advance, R-2601C from 22,500 to but not including 35,000 feet MSL, by NOTAM 24 hours in advance and R-2601D from 35,000 MSL to but not including 60,000 feet MSL by NOTAM 24 hours in advance. This change enables the using agency to accomplish its mission while improving the capability to activate only the minimum amount of restricted airspace necessary for that mission. There is no change to the lateral boundaries or activities conducted in the existing area. This action affects only the internal subdivision of an existing restricted area

and enhances efficient airspace utilization. Therefore, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary since this action is a minor amendment in which the public would not be particularly interested. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Section 73.26 of the Federal Aviation Regulations was published in FAA Order 7400.8D dated July 11, 1996.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This action internally subdivides an existing restricted area and does not affect the lateral boundaries or overall vertical limits of restricted airspace. There are no changes to air traffic control procedures, and routes, or the type of activity conducted within these boundaries as a result of this amendment. Therefore, this action is not subject to environmental assessments and procedures under FAA Order 1050.1D, “Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts,” and the National Environmental Policy Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 73, as follows:

PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854; 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 73.26 [Amended]

2. Section 73.26 is amended as follows: