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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-29]

Revocation of Class D Airspace; Blytheville, AR

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for
comments.

SUMMARY: This action revokes the Class D airspace at Blytheville, AR. The decommissioning of the Blytheville, Arkansas International Airport control tower removes the need for Class D airspace extending upward from the surface to, but not including, 2,800 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) within a 4.6-mile radius of the airport. This action is intended to revoke the unnecessary Class D airspace.

DATES: *Effective date:* 0901 UTC, March 7, 1997.

Comment date: Comments must be received on or before April 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule in triplicate to Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration Southwest Region, Docket No. 96-ASW-29, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Room 663, Fort Worth, TX, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Room 414, Fort Worth, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Day, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530, telephone 817-222-5593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments on the Rule

Although this action is a final rule, which involves the revocation of Class D airspace at Blytheville, AR, and was not preceded by notice and public procedure, comments are invited on the

rule. However, after the review of any comments and, if the FAA finds that further changes are appropriate, it will initiate rulemaking proceedings to extend the effective date or to amend the regulation.

Interested parties are invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in evaluating the effects of the rule, and in determining whether additional rulemaking is required.

Class D airspace designations are published in Paragraph 5000 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 D airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) revokes the Class D airspace, providing controlled airspace for terminal instrument operations, located at Blytheville, Arkansas International Airport, AR. The current Class D airspace was supported by a control tower, which was decommissioned following the closure of Eaker Air Force Base, subsequently renamed Blytheville, Arkansas International Airport.

Since this action merely involves the revocation of Class D airspace as a result of closing the airport control tower, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) are unnecessary. Since there will no longer be a control tower at Blytheville, Arkansas International Airport, the Class D airspace must be removed to avoid confusion on the part of the pilots flying in the vicinity of the airport, and to promote the safe and efficient handling of air traffic in the area. Therefore, I find that notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553 are unnecessary and good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than thirty days.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations that need frequent and routine amendments 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 Federal Aviation Administration 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. app. 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854; 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 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 5000 Class D airspace areas designated for an airport.

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ASW AR D Blytheville, AR [Removed]

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Albert L. Viselli,

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Southwest Region.*

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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97-ASW-01]

Removal of Class D Airspace; Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for
comments.

SUMMARY: This action removes the Class D airspace at Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA. The air traffic control tower at Shreveport Downtown Airport closed on December 31, 1995, and no longer provides services to aircraft operating at this airport. This action is intended to remove the controlled airspace for aircraft operating in the vicinity of Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA.

DATES: Effective date: 0901 UTC, April 21, 1997.

Comment date: Comments must be received on or before April 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the rule in triplicate to Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Docket No. 97-ASW-01, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530. The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Room 663, Fort Worth, TX, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Room 414, Fort Worth, TX.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald J. Day, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530, telephone 817-222-5593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) removes the Class D airspace, providing controlled airspace for airport operations, located at Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA. The closing of the air traffic control tower allows removal of the Class D airspace previously required to provide adequate controlled airspace for aircraft operating in the vicinity of the airport. This removal will avoid confusion on the part of the pilots flying near the airport, and promote the safe and efficient handling of air traffic in the area. This action will remove the Class D airspace at Shreveport Downtown Airport, LA. Class D airspace designations are published in Paragraph 5000 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 D airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the order.

The Direct Final Rule Procedure

The FAA anticipates that this regulation will not result in adverse or negative comment and therefore is issuing it as a direct final rule. A substantial number of previous opportunities provided to the public to comment on substantially identical actions have resulted in negligible adverse comments or objections. Additionally, removal of this Class D airspace will result in less restrictive

airspace and reclassifying airspace to a less restrictive classification usually results in less adverse comments. Unless a written adverse or negative comment, or a written notice of intent to submit an adverse or negative comment is received within the comment period, the regulation will become effective on the date specified above. After the close of the comment period, the FAA will publish a document in the Federal Register indicating that no adverse or negative comments were received and confirming the date on which the final rule will become effective. If the FAA does receive, within the comment period, an adverse or negative comment, or written notice of intent to submit such a comment, a document withdrawing the direct final rule will be published in the Federal Register, and a notice of proposed rulemaking may be published with a new comment period.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule and was not preceded by a notice of proposed rulemaking, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended or withdrawn in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of this action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this action will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this rule must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. 97-ASW-01." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Agency Findings

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Further, the FAA has determined that this regulation is noncontroversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments and only involves an established body of technical regulations that require frequent and routine amendments to keep them operationally current. Therefore, I certify that 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) if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact; positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Since this rule involves routine matters that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis because the anticipated impact is so minimal.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

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§ 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 5000 Class D airspace designated for an airport.

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ASW LA D Shreveport Downtown Airport,
LA [Removed]

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1997.

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Southwest Region.*

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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASW-05]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sonora, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above ground level (AGL) at Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX. The development of a Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR)/Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 32 at Canyon Ranch Airport has made this action necessary. This action is intended to provide adequate Class E airspace to contain instrument flight rule (IFR) operations for aircraft executing the VOR/DME SIAP to RWY 32 at Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, May 22,
1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Donald J. Day, Operations Branch, Air
Traffic Division, Southwest Region,
Federal Aviation Administration, Fort
Worth, TX 76193-0530, telephone 817-
222-5593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On June 19, 1996, a proposal to amend part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to establish Class E airspace at Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX, was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 31066). A VOR/DME SIAP to RWY 32 developed for Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX, requires the establishment of Class E airspace at this airport. The proposal was to establish the controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL to contain IFR operations in controlled airspace during portions of the terminal operation and while transitioning between the enroute and terminal environments.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking

proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments to the proposal were received. However, the proposal was published with an incorrect coordinate for the location of the Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX. The correct coordinates for the airport should have been (Lat. 30°16'09" N, long. 100°27'03" W). The description of the Class E airspace in this rule has been revised to reflect this change. The FAA has determined that this change will not increase the scope of this rule. Therefore, except for the non-substantive, editorial changes to correct the airport coordinates, the rule is adopted as proposed.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more AGL 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 designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) establishes the Class E airspace located at Canyon Ranch Airport, Sonora, TX, to provide controlled airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL for aircraft executing the VOR/DME SIAP to RWY 32.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations that need frequent and routine amendments 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.

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Adoption of the Amendment

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PART 71—[AMENDED]

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§ 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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ASW TX E5 Sonora Canyon Ranch, TX
[New]

Sonora, Canyon Ranch Airport, TX
(Lat. 30°16'09" N., long. 100°27'03" W.)
Rocksprings VOR
(Lat. 30°00'53" N., long. 100°17'59" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of Canyon Ranch Airport, and within 1.8 miles each side of the 333° bearing from the Rocksprings VOR extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 7.6 miles southeast of the airport, excluding that airspace which overlies the Rocksprings Four Square Ranch Airport Class E area.

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Southwest Region.*

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14 CFR Parts 91, 119, 121 and 135

[Docket No. 28577, Special Federal Aviation
Regulation (SFAR) No. 78]

RIN 2120-AG11

Special Flight Rules in the Vicinity of the Rocky Mountain National Park; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final rule published in the Federal Register (62 FR 1192) on January 8, 1997. The final rule establishes temporary Special Federal Aviation Regulations (SFAR) at Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) to preserve the natural enjoyment of visitors to RMNP by preventing any