

apprenticeships, and internships; resources and referrals; assisting beginning farmers or ranchers in acquiring land from retiring farmers and ranchers; innovative farm and ranch transfer strategies; entrepreneurship and business training; model land leasing contracts; financial management training; whole farm planning; conservation assistance; risk management education; diversification and marketing strategies; curriculum development; understanding the impact of concentration and globalization; basic livestock and crop farming practices; the acquisition and management of agricultural credit; environmental compliance; information processing; and other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers or ranchers. The authority to carry out this program has been delegated to CSREES through the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

CSREES is holding a public meeting to obtain comments to use in developing the proposed rule for the newly funded BFRDP. The meeting will solicit comments regarding the implementation of BFRDP. The meeting is open to the public. Written comments and suggestions may be submitted to the CSREES Docket Clerk at the address above.

Summary of Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

For fiscal year (FY) 2009, \$18 million has been made available for the BFRDP. Not less than 25 percent of funds used to carry out the BFRDP for a fiscal year shall be used to support programs and services that address the needs of limited resource beginning farmers or ranchers; socially disadvantaged beginning farmers or ranchers; and farmworkers desiring to become farmers or ranchers. All applicants are required to provide funds or in-kind support from non-Federal sources in an amount that is at least equal to 25 percent of the Federal funds requested. In making BFRDP grants, priority will be given to partnerships and collaborations that are led by or include nongovernmental and community-based organizations with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach. Geographical diversity will be ensured to the maximum extent practicable.

Implementation Plans

CSREES plans to consider stakeholder input received from this public meeting and subsequent public forums as well as other written comments in developing an implementing regulation for this program. CSREES anticipates releasing a

Request for Applications (RFA) by mid-January 2009.

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Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

7 CFR Chapter XXXIV

Solicitation of Input From Stakeholders Regarding Programs for the Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for stakeholder input.

SUMMARY: The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is requesting stakeholder input in developing regulations for identifying and certifying institutions as Hispanic-serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACUs), which comprise a new group of cooperating educational institutions established in section 7101 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) or Public Law 110-246. In addition, CSREES is requesting stakeholder input in developing regulations for the five new programs for HSACUs authorized under section 7129 of FCEA. By this notice, CSREES is designated to act on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture in soliciting public comment from interested parties regarding the implementing regulations to be developed for identifying HSACUs and the new programs for HSACUs.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008, from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All comments not presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be received by close of business Monday, October 27, 2008, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center at 650 15th Street Denver, CO 80202. You may submit comments, identified by CSREES-2008-0004, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: HSACU@csrees.usda.gov. Include CSREES-2008-0004 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 720-2030.

Mail: Paper, disk or CD-ROM submissions should be submitted to: John Miklozek; Multicultural Alliances, Science and Education Resources Development Unit; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 2251; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2251.

Hand Delivery/Courier: HSACU; Multicultural Alliances, Science and Education Resources Development Unit; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 3253; Waterfront Centre; 800 9th Street, SW.; Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and CSREES-2008-0004. All comments received will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Miklozek, (202) 720-1254 (phone), (202) 720-2030 (fax), or HSACU@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional Meeting and Comment Procedures

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the October 12, 2008, meeting are requested to pre-register by contacting Mr. John Miklozek at (202) 720-1254, by fax at (202) 720-2030 or by e-mail to HSACU@csrees.usda.gov. Participants may reserve one 5-minute comment period. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make a presentation and the time needed for questions following presentations. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. Written comments may also be submitted for the record at the meeting. All other attendees may register at the meeting. All comments not presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be received by close of business Monday, October 27, 2008, to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the CSREES Web page for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Mr. Miklozek as directed above. A Spanish language interpreter will be present.

Background and Purpose

Section 7101 of the FCEA recently established a new group of cooperating educational institutions known as the Hispanic-serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACUs). Section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 ("NARETPA") (7 U.S.C. 3103) defines HSACUs as colleges or universities that qualify as Hispanic-serving institutions (as defined in section 502 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a) and that offer associate, bachelors, or other accredited degree programs in agriculture-related fields. HSACUs do not include 1862 institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)).

The FCEA amends section 406(b) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7626(b)) by expanding the eligibility for the CSREES Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Programs to include HSACUs.

In addition, section 7129 of the FCEA authorizes the following five new programs for HSACUs: The HSACU Endowment Fund, the HSACU Equity Grants Program, the HSACU Institutional Capacity-Building Grants Program, the HSACU Fundamental and Applied Research Grants Program, and the HSACU Extension Grants Program. The first four programs are authorized in section 1456 of NARETPA (7 U.S.C. 3243), and the fifth program is authorized in section 3(b)(4) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(b)(4)).

CSREES is requesting stakeholder input in the identification and certification of institutions as HSACUs and on the implementation of the five new HSACU programs.

Implementation Plans

CSREES plans to consider stakeholder input received from this public meeting, as well as other written comments, in developing an implementing regulation for the identification and certification of institutions as HSACUs by Spring 2009; with a separate implementing regulation for the new HSACU programs to follow.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0652; Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-5]

Proposed Establishment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Grayling, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class D airspace and Class E Surface Area airspace at Grayling Army Airfield, Grayling, MI. The establishment of an air traffic control tower has made these actions necessary for the safety of Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations at Grayling Army Airfield. Class D airspace will revert to a Class E2 Surface Area during periods when the control tower is not operating.

DATES: 0901 UTC. Comments must be received on or before November 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this proposal to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You must identify the docket number FAA-2008-0652/Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-5, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1-800-647-5527) is on the ground floor of the building at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Enander, Central Service Area, System Support Group, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76193-0530; telephone: (817) 222-5582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Interested parties are invited to participate in this proposed rulemaking by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Comments that provide the factual basis supporting the views and suggestions presented are particularly helpful in developing reasoned regulatory decisions on the proposal. Comments

are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2008-0652/Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-5." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

Availability of NPRM's

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's Web page at <http://www.faa.gov> or the Superintendent of Documents' Web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Additionally, any person may obtain a copy of this notice by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Office of Air Traffic Airspace Management, ATA-400, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, or by calling (202) 267-8783. Communications must identify both docket numbers for this notice. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the FAA's Office of Rulemaking (202) 267-9677, to request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Distribution System, which describes the application procedure.

The Proposal

This action proposes to amend Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), Part 71 by establishing a Class D airspace area and Class E Surface Area for IFR operations at Grayling Army Airfield, Grayling, MI. The Class D airspace will revert to a Class E Surface Area during those periods when the control tower is not operating. These areas would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts.

Class D airspace areas are published in Paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9R, dated August 15, 2007, and effective September 15, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

Class E Surface Areas are published in Paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9R, dated August 15, 2007, and effective