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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2009-0941; Airspace
Docket No. 09-ANM-17]

Modification of Class E Airspace; Grand Junction, CO

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action will modify Class E airspace at Grand Junction Regional, Grand Junction, CO, to accommodate the vectoring of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) traffic from Grand Junction Regional, Grand Junction, CO to en route airspace, and changes the airport name. This will improve the safety of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, April 8, 2010. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On October 29, 2009, the FAA published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend Class E airspace at Grand Junction, CO (74 FR 55791). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9T signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in that Order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by modifying the Class E airspace for the Grand Junction, CO, area, adding additional controlled airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface to accommodate vectoring IFR aircraft departing Grand Junction Regional, Grand Junction, CO, to en route airspace. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport. This will also update the airport name from Grand Junction, Walker Field.

The FAA has determined 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, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, section 106 discusses the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in subtitle VII, part A, subpart I, section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes additional controlled airspace at Grand Junction Regional, Grand Junction, CO.

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—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

■ 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.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9T, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, signed August 27, 2009, and effective September 15, 2009 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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ANM CO E5 Grand Junction, CO [Modified]

Grand Junction Regional, Grand Junction, CO
(Lat. 39°07'21" N., long. 108°31'36" W.)
Grand Junction VORTAC
(Lat. 39°03'34" N., long. 108°47'33" W.)
Grand Junction Localizer
(Lat. 39°07'04" N., long. 108°30'48" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within 7 miles northwest and 4.3 miles southeast of the Grand Junction VORTAC 247° and 067° radials extending from 11.4 miles southwest to 12.3 miles northeast of the VORTAC, and within 1.8 miles south and 9.2 miles north of the Grand Junction VORTAC 110° radial extending from the VORTAC to 19.2 miles southeast of the VORTAC; that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 30.5-mile radius of the Grand Junction VORTAC, within 6.5 miles each side of the Grand Junction VORTAC 099° radial extending from the 30.5-mile radius to 58 miles east of the VORTAC, and within 4.3 miles each side of the Grand Junction VORTAC 166° radial extending from the 30.5-mile radius to 33.1 miles south of the VORTAC, and within 4.3 miles northeast and 4.9 miles southwest of the Grand Junction ILS localizer northwest course extending from the 30.5-mile radius to the intersection of the localizer northwest course and the Grand Junction VORTAC 318° radial.

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