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Environmental Review

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


RIN 2120–AA66

Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Western United States

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes six High Altitude Area Navigation (RNAV) routes in the Western United States (U.S.). These new routes provide pilots and air traffic controllers with efficient direct routes enhancing safety and improving the efficient use of the National Airspace System (NAS).

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, May 5, 2011. 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On December 9, 2010, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish RNAV routes in the Western U.S. (75 FR 76652). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received in response to the NPRM.

The Rule

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PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

§71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9U, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 18, 2010, and effective September 15, 2010, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 2006

United States area navigation routes.

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