DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


Amendment of Class E Airspace; Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E airspace for the Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX, airspace area, to accommodate new Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures at Faith Ranch Airport, Carizzo Springs, TX. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective date: 0901 UTC, June 30, 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On January 31, 2011, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking to amend Class E airspace for the Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX, airspace area, creating additional controlled airspace at Faith Ranch Airport (76 FR 5303). Docket No. FAA–2010–0877. 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 7400.9U dated August 18, 2010, and effective September 15, 2010, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 by amending Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface in the Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX, area, to accommodate new standard instrument approach procedures at Faith Ranch Airport, Carizzo Springs, TX. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

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, 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 I, Section 106, describes 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 amends controlled airspace for the Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX airspace area.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71


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


§ 71.1 [Amended]

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

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

ASW TX E5 Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX [Amended]

Carizzo Springs, Glass Ranch Airport, TX (Lat. 28°27′01″ N., long. 100°09′01″ W.)

Carizzo Springs, Indio-Faith Airport, TX (Lat. 28°15′46″ N., long. 100°06′44″ W.)

Carizzo Springs, Faith Ranch Airport, TX (Lat. 28°12′31″ N., long. 100°01′08″ W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Glass Ranch Airport, excluding that airspace within Restricted Area R–6316, and within a 6.5-mile radius of Indio-Faith Airport, and within a 6.4-mile radius of Faith Ranch Airport, excluding that airspace within Mexico.

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