DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71
[Docket No. FAA–2019–0625; Airspace Docket No. 19–AWP–2]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Redding, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Redding Municipal Airport, Redding, CA. This action also proposes to remove Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface this airspace is wholly contained within the Rogue Valley en route airspace and duplication is not necessary. Additionally, this action proposes to update the geographic coordinates of the airport to match the FAA’s database. Lastly, this action proposes to remove the Redding VOR/DME and the Lassen NDB and the extensions associated with those navigational aids from the legal description of the airspace. Removing the VOR/DME and NDB simplifies the airspace’s legal description. These changes are necessary to accommodate airspace redesign for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 15, 2019.


The FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Van Der Wal, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231–3695.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority for This Rulemaking

The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States 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 would amend Class E airspace at Redding Municipal Airport, Redding, CA, to ensure safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

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. Persons 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–2019–0625; Airspace
Docket No. 19—AWP–2”. The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs
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/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Office (see the ADDRESSES section for the address and phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the Northwest Mountain Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Organization, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference
This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019. FAA Order 7400.11D is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11D lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal
The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by amending Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area within 2.3 miles west and 2.5 miles east of the 193° bearing from the Redding Municipal Airport, extending from the 4.3-mile radius of the airport to 7.3 miles south of the airport. This action also proposes to amend the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of the airport and within 1.1 miles west and 1 mile east of the 360° bearing from the airport, extending from the 6.8 mile radius to 12.5 miles north of the airport and within 8.1 miles west and 4 miles east of the 193° bearing extending from the airport to 16 miles south of the Redding Municipal Airport. Additionally, this action proposes to remove Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface as this airspace is wholly contained within the Rogue Valley en route airspace and duplication is not necessary. Lastly, this action proposes to remove the Redding VOR/DME and the Lassen NDB and the extensions associated with those navigational aids from the legal description of the airspace. Removing the VOR/DME and NDB simplifies the airspace’s legal description.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 6004 and 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11D, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, 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.

Regulatory Notices and Analyses
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, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. 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, when promulgated, would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review
This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts; Policies and Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71
Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment
Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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:


§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.11D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2019, and effective September 15, 2019, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6004 Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

AWP CA E4 Redding, CA
Redding Municipal Airport, CA
(Lat. 40°30′32″ N, long. 122°17′36″ W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 2.3 miles west and 2.5 miles east of the 193° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4.3-mile radius of airport to 7.3 miles south of the Redding Municipal Airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

AWP CA E5 Redding, CA
Redding Municipal Airport, CA
(Lat. 40°30′32″ N, long. 122°17′36″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.8-mile radius of the airport and within 1.1 miles west and 1 mile east of the 360° bearing from the airport, extending from the 6.8 mile radius to 12.5 miles north of the airport and within 8.1 miles west and 4 miles east of the 193° bearing extending from the airport to 16 miles south of the Redding Municipal Airport.

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