

air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class E surface area and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 and 1,200 feet AGL at Merle K (Mudhole) Smith Airport, Cordova, AK. The FAA completed an airspace review after the airport was identified as having Class E airspace established, in error, beyond 12 nautical miles from the shoreline. This action modifies the Class E airspace extending upward from the surface by removing that airspace 3.2 miles northwest and 2.1 miles southeast of the 222° bearing from the Glacier River NDB extending 10 miles southwest of the airport. This action also removes the airspace 2 miles each side of the 124° bearing from the Glacier River NDB extending 10.4 miles southeast of the airport. This airspace is no longer needed because of the implementation of Area Navigation (RNAV) approaches to Runways 27 and 09. In addition, this action modifies that airspace 2 miles each side of the 115° bearing to 1 mile each side of the 113° bearing from the airport extending 5.5 miles southeast of the airport. This modification provides protection for aircraft descending to 1,000 feet on the Instrument Landing System (ILS) approach to Runway 27.

The Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is modified to that airspace within 6.6 miles of the airport from the point that the 82° bearing intersects the 6.6-mile radius clockwise to the point that the 309° bearing intersects the 6.6-mile radius, and includes that airspace 2 miles each side of the 113° bearing extending 16 miles southeast of the airport. This area protects aircraft on departure until reaching 1,200 feet AGL and aircraft as they descend through 1,500 feet on the ILS approach to Runway 27.

The airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface is reduced to within 20 miles of the airport to provide protection for aircraft above 1,500 feet AGL while transitioning to the enroute environment.

The reference in the legal description to the Glacier River NDB is removed as the airspace is being redesigned without the use of this reference. In addition, this action updates the geographic coordinates of the airport to match the FAA's current aeronautical database. This action supports IFR operations under standard instrument approach and departure procedures in the National Airspace System.

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

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 (E.O.) 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 only affects 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.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists 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 Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and

effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E Airspace Areas Designated as Surface Areas.

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AAL AK E2 Cordova, AK [Modified]

Merle K (Mudhole) Smith, AK
(Lat. 60°29'30" N, long. 145°28'39" W)

That airspace within a 4.1-mile radius of the Merle K (Mudhole) Smith Airport beginning at a point where the 69° bearing from the Airport intersects the 4.1-mile radius clockwise to a point where the 322° bearing from the Airport intersects the 4.1-mile radius, thence to the point of beginning and within 1 mile each side of the 113° bearing from the Airport extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 5.5 miles southeast of the Airport.

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

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AAL AK E5 Cordova, AK [Modified]

Merle K (Mudhole) Smith, AK
(Lat. 60°29'30" N, long. 145°28'39" W)

That airspace within a 6.6-mile radius of the Merle K (Mudhole) Smith Airport, beginning where the 82° bearing from the Airport intersects the 6.6-mile radius clockwise to the point where the 309° bearing intersects the 6.6-mile radius, thence to the point of beginning and that airspace 2 miles each side of the 113° bearing from the Airport extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 16 miles southeast from the airport, and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 20-mile radius of the airport, excluding that airspace more than 12 miles from the shoreline.

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Acting Group Manager, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2020-0384; Airspace Docket No. 19-AAL-15]

RIN 2120-AA66

Proposed Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Bethel, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies the Class D and Class E surface area at Bethel Airport, Bethel AK, by redefining the

Hangar Lake exclusion area and eliminating the use of the VORTAC in the descriptions. This action removes Class E airspace as an extension to the Class D and Class E surface area and modifies the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at the Airport. After a biennial review of the airspace, the FAA found it necessary to amend the existing airspace for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at this airport. This action also updates the geographical coordinates and replaces the outdated term Airport/Facility Directory with the term Chart Supplement.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, December 31, 2020. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11E at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Roberts, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 S 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone (206) 231-2245.

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 modifies the Class D, Class E surface airspace and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL at Bethel Airport, Bethel AK in support of IFR operations.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 35231; June 9, 2020) for Docket No. FAA-2020-0384 to modify the Class D airspace, the Class E surface airspace, and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the earth at Bethel Airport, Bethel AK in support of IFR operations. 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 D and Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6002, 6004, 6005 of FAA Order 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the description of the Class D and Class E surface areas, removing the Class E as an extension to the Class D and Class E and modifying the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL at Bethel Airport, Bethel AK.

The Class D and Class E surface areas are modified so that the Hangar Lake exclusion area is described as that area within .7 miles of the Hangar Lake ARP and eliminate the use of the VORTAC in the definition. This will ensure that a change in the status of the nav-aid, in the future, would have no effect on the description and not require additional rulemaking.

The FAA is eliminating the Class E airspace extension to the Class D and Class E surface area, as it is no longer required for approaches.

In addition, the FAA is modifying the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within 6.6 miles of the Airport (reduced from 16.8 miles) and removing the procedure turn maneuvering area from the Bethel Airport to 22.8 miles north, as it is no longer required for the approaches. The use of the term Airport Facility/Directory is replaced with Chart Supplement and the geographical coordinates are updated to match the FAA database.

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

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 (E.O.) 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 only affects 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.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists 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 part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 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 FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

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AAL AK D Bethel, AK [Amended]

Bethel Airport, AK

(Lat. 60°46'43" N, long. 161°50'14" W)

Hangar Lake

(Lat. 60°48'17" N, long. 161°43'15" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.1-mile radius of the Bethel Airport, AK, excluding that portion below 1,100 feet MSL within .7-mile radius of Hangar Lake SPB. This Class D 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 6002 Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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AAL AK E2 Bethel, AK [Amended]

Bethel Airport, AK

(Lat. 60°46'43" N, long. 161°50'14" W)

Hangar Lake

(Lat. 60°48'17" N, long. 161°43'15" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.1-mile radius of the Bethel Airport, AK, excluding that portion below 1,100 feet MSL within .7-mile radius of Hangar Lake SPB. 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 6004 Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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AAL AK E4 Bethel, AK [Removed]

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

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AAL AK E5 Bethel, AK [Amended]

Bethel Airport, AK

(Lat. 60°46'43" N, long. 161°50'14" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of the Bethel Airport, AK, and that airspace 8 miles east and 4 miles west of the 211° radial from the airport extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 22 miles south of the Airport.

Issued in Seattle, Washington, on September 8, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2019–0852; Airspace Docket No. 19–ANM–26]

RIN 2120–AA66

Establishment of Class E Airspace, Torrington, WY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Torrington Municipal Airport, Torrington, WY, to accommodate new area navigation (RNAV) procedures. This action ensures the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations within the National Airspace System.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, December 31, 2020. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1 Code of Federal Regulations part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

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Authority for This Rulemaking

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History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 38342; June 26, 2020) for Docket No. FAA–2020–0852 to establish Class E airspace at Torrington Municipal Airport, Torrington, WY, in support of IFR operations at the airport. 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 7400.11E, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order 7400.11E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 21, 2020, and effective September 15, 2020. FAA Order 7400.11E is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11E lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class E airspace