DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71
[Docket No. FAA–2020–0868; Airspace Docket No. 20–AAL–26]

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Proposed Amendment to Alaskan VOR
Federal Airway V–319, United States
Air Navigation (RNAV) Routes T–219
and T–269, and Revocation of Federal
Colored Airway R–50; Alaska

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking
(NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to
remove Colored Federal airway, R–50,
and amend Alaskan VOR Federal
airway, V–319, and United States Air
Navigation (RNAV) Routes T–219 and
T–269 in Alaska. The modifications are
necessary due to the planned
decommissioning of the Nanwak Non-
Directional Beacon (NDB) and Distance
Measuring Equipment (DME) in
Mekoryuk, AK, which provides
navigation guidance for portions of the
affected routes. The Nanwak NDB/DME
(AIX) is to be decommissioned effective
June 17, 2021 due to the high cost of
maintenance.

DATES: Comments must be received on
or before November 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this
proposal to the U.S. Department of
Transportation, Docket Operations, 1200
New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building
Ground Floor, Room W12–140,
Washington, DC 20590; telephone: 1
(800) 647–5527, or (202) 366–9826. You
must identify FAA Docket No. FAA–
2020–0868; Airspace Docket No. 20–
AAL–26 at the beginning of your
comments. You may also submit
comments through the internet at

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 Rules
and Regulations 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:
Christopher McMullan, Rules and
Regulations Group, Office of Policy,
Federal Aviation Administration, 800
Independence Avenue SW, Washington,
DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

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 the 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
modify the route structure as necessary
to preserve the safe and efficient flow of
air traffic within the National Airspace
System.

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 (FAA Docket No. FAA–
2020–0868; Airspace Docket No. 20–
AAL–26) at the beginning of your
comments. You may also submit
comments through the internet at

Commenters wishing the FAA to
acknowledge receipt of their comments
on this action must submit with those
comments a self-addressed, stamped
postcard on which the following
statement is made: “Comments to FAA
Docket No. FAA–2020–0868; Airspace
Docket No. 20–AAL–26.” The postcard
will be date/time stamped and returned
to the commenter.

All communications received on or
before the specified comment closing
date will be considered before taking
action on the proposed rule. The
proposal contained in this action may
be changed in light of comments
received. All comments submitted will
be available for examination in the
public docket both before and after the
comment closing date. 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
Recently published rulemaking
documents can also be accessed through
the FAA’s web page at https://
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
ADDRESSES section for address and
phone number) between 9:00 a.m. and
5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,
extcept federal holidays. An informal
docket may also be examined during
normal business hours at the office of
the Western Service Center, Operations
Support Group, Federal Aviation
Administration, 2200 South 216th St.,
Des Moines, WA 98198.

Availability and Summary of
Documents for Incorporation by
Reference

This document proposes to amend
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.

Background

The Nanwak (AIX) NDB/DME has
been out of service for more than six
years. Due to the high cost of
maintenance, the FAA has determined it
necessary to decommission the
Navigational Aid (NAVAID) and
establish a new waypoint (WP), the
MKLUK, AK, WP, in its place. The
upcoming decommissioning of the AIX
NDB/DME will require removal of
Federal Colored airway R–50, and
amendment of Alaskan VOR Federal
Airway V–319 and RNAV routes T–219
and T–269 to remove and add
associated airway segments.
Due to the pending decommissioning of AIX and Oscarville NDB (OSE), the NAVIDS that support R–50 will be nullified. The segment of R–50 to be revoked from AIX to OSE will be mitigated by an extension of T–269 from the Bethel VHF Omnidirectional Radar and Tactical Air Navigation System (VORTAC) to a newly established waypoint, the MKLUK, AK, WP. The additional segment of the route being deleted from OSE to the Anvik, AK, NDB can be mitigated by utilizing V–453 and V–510.

Alaskan VOR Federal airway V–319 will require an amendment deleting the segment from the Hooper Bay VOR/DME to AIX. The loss of this segment will be mitigated by an extension of T–219.

RNAV route T–219 will be amended to extend the airway from its current termination point at Nanwak NDB to Hooper Bay via the MKLUK, AK, WP to mitigate the loss of V–319 in this area. T–219 will also have two additional turn points added to the legal description between the Dillingham, AK, VOR/DME and the RUFLY, AK, WP. The FAA proposes to extend the airway from the MKLUK, AK, WP to the Hooper Bay, AK, VOR/DME. The FAA proposes to extend the legal description to include the NACIP, AK, WP and the ACADE, AK, WP. Finally, the proposal would correct the legal description so that it denotes south to north track as it states in the FAA JO 7400.2M paragraph 20–1–5 e2.

T–269: T–269 currently extends between the Annette Island, AK, WP, and Bethel, AK, VORTAC. The FAA proposes to extend the airway from the Bethel, AK, VORTAC to the MKLUK, AK, WP. Additionally, the FAA proposes to incorporate eight additional waypoints and fixes that were not included in the legal description. These reporting points include TURTY, AK, WP, FLIPS, AK, FIX, HAPIT, AK, FIX, CENRA, AK, WP, KATAT, AK, WP, YONEK, AK, WP, VEILL, AK, WP, and VIDDA, AK, WP that contain a turn and are required to be included in the legal description as per the FAA JO 7400.2M paragraph 20–1–5 h2.

Colored Federal airways are published in paragraph 6009, Alaskan VOR Federal Airways are published in paragraph 6010 (b), and United States Area Navigation Routes are published in paragraph 6011 of FAA Order 7400.11E dated July 21, 2020 and effective September 15, 2020, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR part 71.1. The Colored Federal Airways listed in this document will be subsequently published in the Order.

RNAV route T–219 currently extends between the Yakutat, AK and the Nanwak, AK, NDB. The FAA proposes to remove the segment from the Hooper Bay, AK, VOR/DME to the Nanwak, AK, NDB. The FAA proposes to remove the segment from the Hooper Bay, AK, VOR/DME to the Nanwak, AK, NDB.

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

In consideration of the foregoing, 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 part 71 continues to read as follows:


§ 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 6009—Colored Federal Airways.

R–50 [Removed]

Paragraph 6010(b)—Alaskan VOR Federal airways
SUMMARY: Congress authorized the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE or Bureau) to enter into agreements with third parties to lease the land or facilities of a Bureau-operated school in exchange for funding that benefits the school. This proposed rule establishes standards for the appropriate use of lands and facilities under a lease agreement, provisions for establishment and administration of mechanisms for the acceptance of consideration for the use and benefit of a school, accountability standards to ensure ethical conduct, and provisions for monitoring the amount and terms of consideration received, the manner in which the consideration is used, and any results achieved by such use. This proposed rule also establishes standards to implement authority provided by Congress for BIE personnel to fundraise on behalf of Bureau-funded schools.

DATES: Please submit written comments by December 14, 2020. If you wish to comment on the information collection requirements in this proposed rule, please note that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information contained in this proposed rule between 30 and 60 days after publication of this proposed rule in the Federal Register. Therefore, comments should be submitted to OMB by November 13, 2020. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice for dates of Tribal consultation sessions.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by RIN number 1076–AF55 by any of the following methods:

- Email: consultation@bia.gov. Include RIN number 1076–AF55 in the subject line of the message.

All submissions received must include the Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this rulemaking (RIN 1076–AF55). All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act information collections contained in this rule are separate from comments on the substance of the rule. Send your comments and suggestions on the information collection requirements to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB—OIRA at (202) 395–5806 (fax) or OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to consultation@bia.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1076–0187 in the subject line of your comments.

We cannot ensure that comments received after the close of the comment period (see DATES) will be included in the docket for this rulemaking and considered. Comments sent to an address other than those listed above...