DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0426; Airspace Docket No. 21–AWP–14]

RIN 2120–AA66

Proposed Amendment and Removal of
Class E Airspace; South Lake Tahoe, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify the Class E airspace, designated as a surface area, at Lake Tahoe Airport, South Lake Tahoe, CA. This action also proposes to remove the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area and modify the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. Also, this action proposes two administrative updates to the Class E2’s text header. This action would ensure the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 2, 2021.

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–2021–0426; Airspace Docket No. 21–AWP–14, at the beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at https://www.regulations.gov. 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.

The FAA's authority to issue rules under 14 CFR part 71 is described in Subtitle I, Title 49 of the United States Code. Under the authority of the FAA Administrator, this rulemaking is published in the Federal Register to amend 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area and the Class E airspace area extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. The Class E3 airspace area should be increased from 4.3 miles to 5 miles.

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 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 rulemaking is within the scope of that authority, as it would modify the Class E airspace at Lake Tahoe Airport, South Lake Tahoe, CA, to support IFR operations at the airport.

Comments Invited

Supplementary Information:

Federal Register

The public may file comments on this rulemaking with the Dockets Office, comment desk no. 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198. Comments must be received on or before August 2, 2021.

Frequently asked questions and answers are located at: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/

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 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.

Availibility 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.

The Proposed Rule

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class E airspace, designated as a surface area, at Lake Tahoe Airport, South Lake Tahoe, CA.

To properly contain IFR aircraft in the terminal environment, the radius of this airspace area should be increased from 4.3 miles to 5 miles.

This action also proposes to remove the Class E3 airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area. This airspace is no longer needed to contain IFR aircraft descending below 1,000 feet above the surface.

This action also proposes to modify the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. This airspace is designed to contain IFR departures to 1,200 feet above the surface and IFR arrivals descending below 1,500 feet above the surface. To properly contain aircraft conducting the LDA RWY 18 approach, the extension north of the airport should be increased from 9.8 miles to 17.5 miles.

This action also proposes two administrative updates to the Class E2’s text header. On the second line of the text header, the airport name should be updated to “Lake Tahoe Airport”, to match the FAA database. On the third

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.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at https://www.regulations.gov.
line of the text header, the airport’s geographic coordinates should be updated to "lat. 38°38′38″ N, long. 119°59′44″ W", to match the FAA database.

Class E2, E4, and E5 airspace designations are published in paragraphs 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively, 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 designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

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 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 7400.11E, 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 a Surface Area.

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AWP CA E2 South Lake Tahoe, CA [Amended]

Lake Tahoe Airport, CA (Lat. 38°53′38″ N, long. 119°59′43″ W) That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 5-mile radius of the airport.

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

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AWP CA E4 South Lake Tahoe, CA [Removed]

South Lake Tahoe Airport, CA (Lat. 38°53′38″ N, long. 119°59′43″ W) That airspace extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the Earth.

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AWP CA E5 South Lake Tahoe, CA [Amended]

Lake Tahoe Airport, CA (Lat. 38°53′38″ N, long. 119°59′43″ W) That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6-mile radius of Lake Tahoe Airport and within 1.9 miles each side of the 008° bearing from the airport extending from the 6-mile radius to 17.5 miles north of the airport.

Issued in Des Moines, Washington, on June 10, 2021.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2021–0327]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is proposing to establish a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Patapsco River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters near the Francis Scott Key (I–695) Bridge, Baltimore, MD. This temporary safety zone is intended to restrict vessel traffic on the Patapsco River from September 1, 2021, through November 17, 2021, while work crews install power transmission lines crossing over the river. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2021–0327 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at https://www.regulations.gov. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email Mr. Ron Houck, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 410–576–2674, email Ronald.L.Houck@uscg.mil.

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