end of the M/R slip ring, before further flight, remove the M/R slip ring from service.

(iv) If a screw is missing from the outer diameter of the upper end, from the inner diameter of the lower end (shaft extension attachment area), or from the outer diameter of the lower end, before further flight, install a new screw and washer, apply a torque to 1–1.25 Nm, and install double-twist lock wire by following the Compliance Instructions, paragraphs 9(a) through g) of Annex A to ASB 139–472 or ASB 189–138, as applicable to your model helicopter.

(v) If any double-twist lock wire is not correctly installed, is missing, or if there is a ferrule ended safety cable installed on any set of upper end or lower end fasters of the M/R slip ring, before further flight, remove the incorrectly installed lock wire or ferrule ended safety cable from service, as applicable, and inspect the fasterner torque by applying 1–1.25 Nm of torque.

(A) If the torque of a screw installed in the inner diameter (the connector flange) of the upper end of the M/R slip ring is below 1 Nm of torque, do not remove or replace the screw, before further flight, apply a torque of 1–1.25 Nm. 

(B) If the torque of a screw installed in the outer diameter of the upper end, in the inner diameter of the lower end (shaft extension attachment area), or in the outer diameter of the lower end is below 1 Nm of torque, before further flight, remove the affected screw and washer, and apply a torque of 1–1.25 Nm. 

(C) Install double-twist lock wire by following the Compliance Instructions, paragraphs 9(a) through g) of Annex A to ASB 139–472 or ASB 189–138, as applicable to your model helicopter.

(vi) Mark the letter “L” following the S/N on the identification label by following the Compliance Instructions, paragraph 3) of Annex A to ASB 139–472 or ASB 189–138, as applicable to your model helicopter.

(2) As of the effective date of this AD, do not install an M/R slip ring identified in paragraph (c) of this AD unless the requirements of paragraph (g)(1) of this AD have been accomplished.

(b) Special Flight Permits

Special flight permits are prohibited.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AMOS-AIR-730-AMOCs@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office, certificate holding district office.

(j) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Steven Warwick, Aerospace Engineer, Certification Section, Fort Worth ACO Branch, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222–5225; email steven.r.warwick@faa.gov.

(2) Moog Service Bulletin SB 16–01, Revision 5, undated, is attached as Annex A to both ASB 139–472 and ASB 189–138. As the design approval holder for the products identified in paragraph (c) of this AD, contact Leonardo Helicopters for the Moog service information at the contact information specified in paragraph (k)(3) of this AD. It is also available at the contact information specified in paragraph (k)(4) of this AD.


(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.


(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N–321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference 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:

Matthew Van Der Wal, Federal Aviation Administration, Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 2200 . 216th Street, Des Moines, WA 50318; 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 IV, 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 E airspace at Anaktuvuk Pass Airport, Anaktuvuk Pass, AK, to ensure the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport.

History
The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register (86 FR 18490; April 9, 2021) for Docket No. FAA–2021–0225 to modify the Class E airspace at Anaktuvuk Pass Airport, Anaktuvuk Pass, AK. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

The NPRM for this action proposed to establish Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface at Anaktuvuk Pass Airport. However, after the publication of the NPRM, the FAA determined that a previous Final Rule (76 FR 78144; December 16, 2011) for Docket No. FAA–2011–0867 established Class E airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within a 66-mile radius of the airport. This airspace area was not included in the Class E5 airspace description published in FAA Order 7400.11E. Since Class E airspace, extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface, already exists for the airport, the FAA is not modifying this airspace area. The airspace area has been added to the Class E5 airspace legal description.

Class E5 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
This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 modifies the Class E airspace, extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, at Anaktuvuk Pass Airport, Anaktuvuk Pass, AK. The modification properly sizes the airspace to contain IFR departures until reaching 1,200 feet above the surface, and IFR arrivals descending below 1,500 feet above the surface. The airspace’s circular radius is reduced from 6.4 miles to 4 miles and three areas are added to the 4-mile radius. Two areas northeast of the airport and one area southwest of the airport.

This action also removes the Anaktuvuk Pass NDB from the Class E5 text header and airspace description. The Navigational Aid (NAVAID) is not needed to describe the airspace and removal of the NAVAID simplifies the airspace’s description.

This action also updates the airport’s geographical coordinates to “lat. 68°08′01″ N, long. 151°44′36″ W.”

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
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 the preparation of an environmental assessment.

List 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


§ 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 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More

Above the Surface of the Earth.

AAL AK E5 Anaktuvuk Pass, AK [Amended]
Anaktuvuk Pass Airport, AK
(Lat. 68°08′01″ N, long. 151°44′36″ W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 4-mile radius of the airport, and within 1.0 mile west and 1.2 miles east of the 022° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4-mile radius to 23.7 miles north of the airport, and within 2.4 miles west and 1.8 miles east of the 038° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4-mile radius to 13 miles northeast of the airport, and within 1 mile each side of the 235° bearing from the airport, extending from the 4-mile radius to 4.5 miles southwest of the airport; and that airspace extending upward from 1.200 feet above the surface within a 66-mile radius of the airport.

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