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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

Docket No. FAA-2012-0648; Airspace Docket No. 12-ANM-19

Modification of Class E Airspace; Pullman, WA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action modifies Class E airspace at Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, Pullman, WA. Controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate aircraft using Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport. This action also makes a minor change to the legal description in reference to Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface. This improves the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

DATES: Effective date, 0901 UTC, January 10, 2013. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**History**

On August 21, 2012, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify controlled airspace at Pullman, WA (77 FR 50419). 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 FAA's Aeronautical Products Office requested the legal description for the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface be rewritten for clarity. With the exception of editorial changes and the changes described above, this rule is the same as that proposed in the NPRM.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraphs 6002 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9W dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in that Order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by modifying Class E surface airspace, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface, at Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, to accommodate IFR aircraft executing RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at the airport. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations.

The FAA has determined this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (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 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. The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106 discusses 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 controlled airspace at Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, Pullman, WA.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 311a. 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.

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

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 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 Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9W, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012 is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace designated as surface areas.

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ANM WA E2 Pullman, WA [Modified]

Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, WA
(lat. 46°44'38"N., long. 117°06'35"W.)

Within a 4-mile radius of Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, and within 1.7 miles each side of the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 046° bearing extending from the 4-mile radius to 8 miles northeast of the airport, and within 1.7 miles each side of the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 227° bearing extending from the 4-mile radius to 6 miles southwest of the 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 Airport/Facility Directory.

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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ANM WA E5 Pullman, WA [Modified]

Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, WA
(lat. 46°44'38"N., long. 117°06'35"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 10-mile radius of the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport, and within 1.7 miles each side of the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 229° bearing extending from the 10-mile radius to 13 miles southwest of the airport, and that airspace bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the 10-mile radius of the airport and the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 307° bearing to the intersection of the of the 23-mile radius of the airport and the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 328° bearing extending clockwise within a 23-mile radius of the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport; thence to the intersection of the 23-mile radius of the airport and the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 064° bearing of the airport to the intersection of the 10-mile radius of the airport and the Pullman/Moscow Regional Airport 066° bearing of the airport; thence clockwise along the 10-mile radius to the point of origin. That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface bounded by a line beginning at lat. 46°46'00"N., long. 117°51'00"W.; to lat. 47°06'00"N., long. 117°29'00"W.; to lat. 47°10'00"N., long. 117°13'00"W.; to lat. 47°07'00"N., long. 116°50'00"W.; to lat. 46°57'00"N., long. 116°28'00"W.; to lat. 46°38'00"N., long. 116°41'00"W.; to lat. 46°31'00"N., long. 116°23'00"W.; to lat. 46°12'00"N., long. 116°25'00"W.; to lat. 46°19'00"N., long. 116°57'00"W.; to lat. 46°24'00"N., long. 117°30'00"W.; thence to the point of origin.

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