

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0803; Airspace
Docket No. 19-AAL-58]

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**Amendment of United States Area
Navigation Route (RNAV) T-222;
Bethel, AK**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation
Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends United States Area Navigation (RNAV) route T-222 in the vicinity of Bethel, AK in support of a large and comprehensive T-route modernization project for the state of Alaska.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, September 8, 2022. 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 JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

ADDRESSES: FAA Order JO 7400.11F, 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.

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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 expands the availability of RNAV routing in Alaska and improves the efficient flow of air

traffic within the National Airspace System by lessening the dependency on ground-based navigation.

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA-2021-0803 in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 52862; September 23, 2021), amending RNAV route T-222 in the vicinity of Bethel, AK, in support of a large, comprehensive T-route modernization project for the state of Alaska. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting comments on the proposal. There were no comments received.

United States Area Navigation Routes are published in paragraph 6011 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F dated August 10, 2021 and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The RNAV route listed in this document would be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending RNAV route T-222 in the vicinity of Bethel, AK in support of a large and comprehensive T-route modernization project for the state of Alaska.

The route change is described below.

T-222: T-222 extends between the BAERE, AK, waypoint (WP) to the Fairbanks, AK, (FAI) VHF Omni-Directional Range and Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC). This action reroutes the segment between the Bethel, AK, (BET) VORTAC and the UTICE, AK, WP by adding five additional WPs (CABOT, WOGAX, IKUFU, JILSI, and CYCAS) in the vicinity of Aniak, AK. Further, the RUFVY WP from the original legal description is removed due to it not being a turn point. Additionally, this action cancels the segment between the BAERE WP and the St Paul Island, AK, (SPY) Non-Directional Beacons/Distance Measuring Equipment (NDB/DME). As a result, T-222 extends between the St

Paul Island, AK, (SPY) NDB/DME and the Fairbanks, AK, (FAI) VORTAC.

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

Regulatory Notices and Analyses

The FAA 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. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (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, does 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 determined that this airspace action of amending RNAV route T-222 in the vicinity of Bethel, AK qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points), and paragraph 5-6.5i, which categorically excludes from further environmental review the establishment of new or revised air traffic control procedures conducted at 3,000 feet or more above ground level (AGL); procedures conducted below 3,000 feet AGL that do not cause traffic to be routinely routed over noise sensitive areas; modifications to currently approved procedures conducted below 3,000 feet AGL that do not significantly increase noise over noise sensitive areas; and increases in minimum altitudes and landing minima. As such, this action is not expected to result in any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F,

paragraph 5–2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. Accordingly, the FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

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:

T–222 St Paul Island, AK (SPY) to Fairbanks, AK (FAI) [Amended]

St Paul Island, AK (SPY)	NDB/DME	(Lat. 57°09'25.20" N, long. 170°13'58.77" W)
Bethel, AK (BET)	VORTAC	(Lat. 60°47'05.41" N, long. 161°49'27.59" W)
CABOT, AK	WP	(Lat. 61°12'01.32" N, long. 160°45'20.93" W)
WOGAX, AK	WP	(Lat. 61°29'41.04" N, long. 160°06'19.41" W)
IKUFU, AK	WP	(Lat. 61°40'34.53" N, long. 159°52'35.43" W)
JLSI, AK	WP	(Lat. 61°46'52.14" N, long. 159°31'07.72" W)
CYCAS, AK	WP	(Lat. 61°52'23.15" N, long. 159°13'52.38" W)
UTICE, AK	WP	(Lat. 62°18'35.36" N, long. 157°37'56.78" W)
McGrath, AK (MCG)	VORTAC	(Lat. 62°57'03.72" N, long. 155°36'40.97" W)
Nenana, AK (ENN)	VORTAC	(Lat. 64°35'24.04" N, long. 149°04'22.34" W)
Fairbanks, AK (FAI)	VORTAC	(Lat. 64°48'00.25" N, long. 148°00'43.11" W)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2022–0025; Airspace Docket No. 21–ACE–2]

RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of Multiple Air Traffic Service (ATS) Routes and Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes in the Vicinity of Liberal, KS

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Jet Routes J–19, J–20, J–52, J–98, J–134, and J–231, RNAV route Q–176, and VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways V–210, V–234, V–350, and V–507; and establishes RNAV routes T–418 and T–431. The FAA is taking this action due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Liberal, KS (LBL), VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) navigational aid (NAVAID). The Liberal VOR is being

decommissioned in support of the FAA’s VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

DATES: Effective date 0901 UTC, September 8, 2022. 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 JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

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Authority for This Rulemaking

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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 JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6011 United States Area Navigation Routes.

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

History

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for Docket No. FAA–2022–0025 in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 5747; February 2, 2022), amending Jet Routes J–19, J–20, J–52, J–98, J–134, and J–231, RNAV route Q–176, and VOR Federal airways V–210, V–234, V–304, V–350, and V–507; and establishing RNAV routes T–418 and T–431. The proposed amendment and establishment actions were due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Liberal, KS, VORTAC NAVAID. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

Jet Routes are published in paragraph 2004, RNAV Q-routes are published in paragraph 2006, VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a), and United States RNAV T-routes are published in paragraph 6011 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The ATS routes listed in this