

FAA Order JO 7400.11G 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 Class D airspace, Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface for Lakeland Linder International Airport (formerly Lakeland Linder Regional Airport), Lakeland, FL, as an airspace evaluation determined an update for this airport necessary. This action increases the Class D radius of the airport to 4.6-miles (previously 4.2-miles). This action also updates this airport's name and geographic coordinates, as well as the names of Bartow Executive Airport (formerly Bartow Municipal Airport), Plant City Airport (formerly Plant City Municipal Airport), and Winter Haven Regional Airport (formerly Winter Haven's Gilbert Airport). In addition, this action removes the Lakeland VORTAC from the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D surface area description, as it is not needed to describe the airspace. Finally, this action replaces Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions and Airport/Facility Directory with Chart Supplement in the appropriate airspace descriptions. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

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. 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 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 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 warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Lists 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:

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 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 Class D Airspace.

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ASO FL D Lakeland, FL [Amended]

Lakeland Linder International Airport, FL (Lat. 27°59'16" N, long. 82°01'08" W) South Lakeland Airport (Lat. 27°56'00" N, long. 82°02'38" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,600 feet MSL within a 4.6-mile radius of the Lakeland Linder International Airport, excluding that airspace within a 1.5-mile radius of South Lakeland Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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

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ASO FL E4 Lakeland, FL [Amended]

Lakeland Linder International Airport, FL (Lat. 27°59'16" N, long. 82°01'08" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 1.5 miles on each side of the 090° bearing from Lakeland Linder International Airport extending from the 4.6-mile radius to 7 miles east of the airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the

specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Air Missions. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Chart Supplement.

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Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASO FL E5 Lakeland, FL [Amended]

Lakeland Linder International Airport, FL (Lat. 27°59'16" N, long. 82°01'08" W) Bartow Executive Airport (Lat. 27°56'36" N, long. 81°47'00" W) Plant City Airport (Lat. 28°00'01" N, long. 82°09'48" W) Winter Haven Regional Airport (Lat. 28°03'47" N, long. 81°45'12" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of Lakeland Linder International Airport, and within a 6.7-mile radius of Bartow Executive Airport, a 6.6-mile radius of Plant City Airport, and within 3.5 miles on each side of the 266° bearing from the Plant City Airport extending from the 6.6-mile radius to 7.5 miles west of the airport, and within a 6.5-mile radius of Winter Haven Regional Airport.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2023-0642; Airspace Docket No. 23-ASW-8]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Van Horn, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace at Van Horn, TX. This action is the result of an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the Van Horn non-directional beacon (NDB). The name and geographic coordinates of Culberson County Airport, Van Horn, TX, will also be updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, October 5, 2023. 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: A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), all comments received, this final rule, and all background material may be viewed online at www.regulations.gov using the FAA Docket number. Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Shelby, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5857.

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 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 amends the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Culberson County Airport, Van Horn, TX, to support instrument flight rule operations at this airport.

History

The FAA published an NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2023-0642 in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 21129; April 10, 2023) amending the Class E airspace at Van Horn, TX. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Incorporation by Reference

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 on an annual basis. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order Jo 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11.

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The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 modifies the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 6.6-mile (decreased from a 6.7-mile) radius of Culberson County Airport, Van Horn, TX; removes the city associated with the airport in the airspace legal description to comply with changes to FAA Order JO 7400.2N, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters; and updating geographic coordinates of the airport to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

This action is the result of an airspace review caused by the decommissioning of the Van Horn NDB which provided navigation information for the instrument procedures at this airport.

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. 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 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 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 5-6.5.a. 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 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:

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§ 71.1 [Amended]

■ 2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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ASW TX E5 Van Horn, TX [Amended]

Culberson County Airport, TX
(Lat. 31°03'28" N, long. 104°47'02" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.6-mile radius of the Culberson County Airport.

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