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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2015-6751; Airspace Docket No. 15-AWP-18]

**Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Arcata, CA; Fortuna, CA; and
Establishment of Class E Airspace; Arcata, CA, and Eureka, CA**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to modify Class E surface area airspace, modify Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet, and establish Class E airspace designated as an extension at Arcata Airport, Arcata, CA. The action also proposes to modify Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet at Rohnerville Airport, Fortuna, CA, and establish stand-alone Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet at Murray Field Airport, Eureka, CA, to accommodate airspace redesign for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations within the National Airspace System.

Additionally, this proposal would update the geographic coordinates of these airports.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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-2015-6751; Airspace Docket No. 15-AWP-18, at the

beginning of your comments. You may also submit comments through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.11A at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Clark, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Western Service Center, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW, Renton, WA 98057; telephone (425) 203-4511.

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 would amend Class E airspace at Arcata Airport, Arcata, CA, and Rohnerville Airport, Fortuna, CA, and would establish Class E airspace at Murray Field, Eureka, CA.

Comments Invited

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. Communications should identify both docket numbers and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Persons wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments on this notice must submit with those comments a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket No. FAA-2015-6751/Airspace Docket No. 15-AWP-18". The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter.

All communications received before the specified closing date for comments will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposal contained in this notice may be changed in light of the comments received. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

Availability of NPRMs

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed

through the FAA's web page at

http://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, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98057.

Availability and Summary of Documents Proposed for Incorporation by Reference

This document proposes to amend FAA Order 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016. FAA Order 7400.11A is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.11A lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by modifying Class E surface area airspace at Arcata Airport, Arcata, CA, and Rohnerville Airport, Fortuna, CA, and establishing Class E airspace designated as an extension at Arcata Airport. Also, stand-alone Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface would be established at Murray Field Airport, Eureka, CA. This proposed airspace redesign is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at these airports, and for efficiency within the National Airspace System.

At Arcata Airport, Arcata, CA, Class E surface area airspace would be expanded by 0.1 miles to within 4.1 miles of the airport, and the Abeta NDB would be removed from the description as it was decommissioned and no longer needed; Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class D or Class E surface area would be established within 2.9 miles each side of the 153 degree bearing from the Arcata Airport extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 10.5 miles southeast of the airport. Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface would be reduced to within a 7-mile radius of the airport, with a segment 4.2 miles wide (2.1 miles each side of the 153 degree bearing) extending from the 7-mile radius of the airport to 14.1 miles southeast of the airport. Class E airspace upward from 1,200 feet above the surface would be removed, since this airspace is wholly contained within the Rogue Valley Class E en route airspace area.

At Eureka, CA, this proposal would establish a designated stand-alone Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of Murray Field Airport with a segment 6.3 miles wide extending to 23 miles southwest of the airport. This airspace area would specifically support IFR operations at Eureka, CA, and would be unaffected by any proposed changes that would occur at any other airport.

At Fortuna, CA, this proposal would reduce Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to within a 2.7-mile radius (from a 6.5-mile radius) of Rohnerville Airport, with segments extending 7 miles northwest, 5.2 miles west, and 6.1 miles southeast of the airport. Class E airspace upward from 1,200 feet above the surface would be removed since this airspace is wholly contained within the Rogue Valley Class E en route airspace area.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.11A, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, 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.

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:

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 7400.11A, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 3, 2016, and effective September 15, 2016, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002: Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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AWP CA E2 Arcata, CA [Modified]

Arcata Airport, CA

(lat. 40°58'40"N., long. 124°06'31"W.)

That airspace within a 4.1-mile radius of Arcata Airport.

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

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AWP CA E4 Arcata, CA [New]

Arcata Airport, CA

(lat. 40°58'40"N., long. 124°06'31"W.)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 2.9 miles each side of the 153° bearing from the Arcata Airport extending from the 4.1-mile radius to 10.5 miles southeast of the airport.

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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AWP CA E5 Arcata, CA [Modified]

Arcata Airport, CA

(lat. 40°58'40"N., long. 124°06'31"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of the Arcata Airport, and within 2.1 miles each side of the 153° bearing from the airport extending from the 7-mile radius to 14.1 miles southeast of the airport.

AWP CA E5 Eureka, CA [New]

Murray Field Airport, CA

(lat. 40°48'12"N., long. 124°06'46"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.3-mile radius of Murray Field Airport, and within 6.3 miles east of the Murray Field Airport 217° bearing extending from the 6.3-mile radius to 23 miles southwest of the airport.

AWP CA E5 Fortuna, CA [Modified]

Rohnerville Airport, CA

(lat. 40°33'14"N., long. 124°07'58"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 2.7 mile radius of Rohnerville Airport, and within 1.8 miles each side of the 326° bearing from the airport extending from the 2.7 mile radius to 7 miles northwest of the airport, and within 1.1-miles each side of the 307° bearing from the airport extending from the 2.7 mile radius to 5.2 miles west of the airport, and within 1.1-miles each side of the 113° bearing from the airport extending from the 2.7 mile radius to 6.1 miles southeast of the airport.

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