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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2023-1352; Airspace Docket No. 23-ASO-55]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Ozark, AL and Columbus, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action makes editorial changes, updating the airport names of two Army Airfields and replacing the term Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions in Class D and Class E descriptions. This action does not change the airspace boundaries or operating requirements.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, March 21, 2024. 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: This final rule 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 a day, 365 days a year.

FAA Order JO 7400.11H, Airspace Designations, and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. For further information, contact the Airspace Policy 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 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 updates airport names and airspace descriptions. This update is administrative change and does not change the airspace boundaries or operating requirements.

Incorporation by Reference

Class D and Class E airspace are published in paragraphs 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005 of FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 annually. This document amends the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11H, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023. FAA Order JO 7400.11H is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These amendments will be published in the next FAA Order JO 7400.11 update. FAA Order JO 7400.11H 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 amends the Class D airspace, Class E surface 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 Fort Novosel, Ozark, AL, and Fort Moore, Columbus, GA by updating each airport's name (formerly Fort Rucker and Fort Benning, respectively), as well as updating the descriptions by making editorial changes, replacing the term Notice to Airmen with Notice to Air Missions, and replacing the term Airport/Facility Directory with Chart Supplement in the appropriate descriptions. This action is an administrative change and does not affect the airspace boundaries or operating requirements; therefore, notice and public procedure under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) is unnecessary.

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 will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed 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.

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 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 Federal Aviation Administration Order JO 7400.11H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 11, 2023, and effective September 15, 2023, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000. Class D Airspace

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ASO AL D Fort Novosel (Ozark), AL [Amended]

Cairns Army Air Field (Fort Novosel), AL
(lat 31°16'33"N, long 85°42'48"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,800 feet MSL within a 5-mile radius of lat. 31°18'30" N., long. 85°42'20" W. 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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ASO GA D Columbus, GA [Amended]

Columbus Airport, GA
(lat 32°30'59"N, long 84°56'20"W)
Lawson AAF (Fort Moore)
(lat 32°19'54"N, long 84°59'14"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,900 feet MSL within a 4.4-mile radius of the Columbus Airport, and that airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,700 feet MSL within a 5.2-mile radius of Lawson Army Airfield (Ft. Moore) and that airspace within 1 mile each side of the 145° bearing

from the AAF extending from the 5.2-mile radius to 6.8 miles southeast of the AAF. This Class D airspace 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 6002. Class E Surface Airspace.

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ASO AL E2 Fort Novosel (Ozark), AL [Amended]

Columbus Airport, GA

(lat 32°30'59"N, long 84°56'20"W)

Lawson AAF (Fort Moore)

(lat 32°19'54"N, long 84°59'14"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 2,900 feet MSL within a 4.4-mile radius of the Columbus 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 MS E5 Columbus, MS [Amended]

Columbus AFB, MS

(Lat 33°38'43"N, long 88°26'45"W)

Monroe County Airport

(Lat 33°52'26"N, long 88°29'23"W)

Columbus-Lowndes County Airport

(Lat 33°27'55"N, long 88°22'51"W)

Golden Triangle Regional Airport

(Lat 33°26'54"N, long 88°35'29"W)

Oktibbeha Airport

(Lat 33°29'52"N, long 88°4'53"W)

McCharen Field

(Lat 33°35'03"N, long 88°40'00"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 10-mile radius of Columbus AFB, a 16-mile radius of Monroe County Airport, and within a 6.4-mile radius of Columbus-Lowndes County Airport, and within a 6.6-mile radius of Golden Triangle Regional Airport, and within a 6.2-mile radius of Oktibbeha Airport, and a 6.3-mile radius of McCharen Field.

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