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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2026-12310; Airspace Docket No. 26-ASW-15]

RIN 2120-AA66

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Del Rio, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends the Class E airspace at Del Rio, TX. This action is the result of a biennial review of the airspace associated with Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB), Del Rio, TX. This proposal also updates the name and geographic coordinates of Laughlin AFB to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action brings the airspace into compliance with FAA orders and supports instrument flight rule (IFR) procedures and operations.

DATES: Effective 0901 UTC, February 18, 2027. 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. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from www.federalregister.gov.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Claypool, Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5711.

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 at the affected airport to support IFR operations.

History

The FAA published an NPRM for Docket No. FAA-2026-12310 in the *Federal Register* (91 FR 60909; September 25, 2026) proposing to amend the Class E airspace at Del Rio, 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 paragraphs 6003 and 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 7400.11M, dated July 30, 2026, and effective September 15, 2026. These amendments will be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. FAA Order JO 7400.11M, which lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points, is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

The Rule

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by modifying the Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class C surface area and the Class E airspace extending upward from 700 ft. above the surface at Del Rio, Texas due to a biennial review of the airspace associated with Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas.

For the Laughlin AFB Class E airspace designated as an extension to a Class C surface area, this action: (1) removes the extension north of the airport from the airport legal description as it is no longer required; (2) removes the extension from the 060° radial of the Laughlin VORTAC clockwise to the 195° radial, extending from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to the 5.5-mile radius as it is no longer required; (3) amends the extension southeast of the airport to extending southeast from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB within 1-mile each side of the line from SWANT to MINNM and 1-mile each side of the 150° bearing from MINNM to 8 miles southeast of MINNM, excluding Mexican airspace (previously, 2.6 miles each side of the 145° radial of the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 5.5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 6.6 miles southeast of the airport); (4) amends the extension northwest of Laughlin AFB to within 2 miles (previously 2.6 miles) each side of the 305° bearing (previously radial) from the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 10.5 miles (previously 6.6 miles) northwest of Laughlin AFB; (4) adds an extension within 1.8 miles each side of the 315° bearing from Laughlin AFB: RWY 13C-LOC extending from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB; (5) removes the extension from the 333° radial of Laughlin VORTAC as it is no longer required; (6) removes the city associated with the airport to comply with changes to FAA Order JO 7400.2R, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters; (7) updates the geographic coordinates of Laughlin AFB to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database; and (8) updates the outdated term "Airport/Facility Directory" with "Chart Supplement."

For the Laughlin AFB Class E airspace extending upward from 700 ft. above the surface,

this action: (1) reduces the radius to within a 7.4-mile (previously 20 miles) radius of Laughlin AFB, excluding Mexican airspace; (2) adds an extension within 2 miles each side of the 135° bearing from the Laughlin AFB: RWY 31C-LOC extending from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.4 miles southeast of Laughlin AFB; (3) adds an extension within 1.9 miles each side of the 149° bearing from the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.4 miles southeast of Laughlin AFB; (4) adds an extension extending southeast from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB within 1 mile each side of line from SWANT to MINNM to OTULE, excluding Mexican airspace; (5) adds an extension within 2 miles each side of the 305° bearing from the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB; (6) adds an extension within 2 miles each side of the 315° bearing from the Laughlin AFB: RWY 13C-LOC extending from the 7.4-mile radius to 11.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB; (7) removes the city associated with the airport in the header to comply with changes to FAA Order JO 7400.2R; and (8) updates the name of the airport to Laughlin AFB (previously Laughlin ABF) to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

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 Order 2100.6B, "Policies and Procedures for Rulemakings" (March 10, 2025); and (3) is expected to result in, at most, de minimis costs from compliance with applicable operating requirements or minor flight rerouting for operators choosing to navigate around the controlled airspace. Since these amendments are routine and the expected impact to operators is de minimis, the FAA certifies 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 1050.1G, "FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures," Paragraph B-2.5(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.

Lists 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:

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 JO 7400.11M, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 30, 2026, and effective September 15, 2026, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6003. Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension.

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ASW TX E3 Del Rio, TX [Amended]
Laughlin AFB, TX
(Lat 29°21'34"N, long 100°46'41"W)
SWANT Waypoint
(Lat 29°17'23"N, long 100°45'37"W)
MINNM Waypoint
(Lat 29°12'30"N, long 100°44'20"W)
Laughlin VORTAC
(Lat 29°21'39"N, long 100°46'18"W)
Laughlin AFB: RWY 13C-LOC

(Lat 29°20'52"N, long 100°45'57"W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface extending southeast from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB within 1 mile each side of line from SWANT to MINNM and 1 mile each side of the 150° bearing from MINNM to 8 miles southeast of MINNM, excluding Mexican airspace; and within 2 miles each side of the 305° bearing from the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 10.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB; and within 1.8 miles each side of the 315° bearing from Laughlin AFB: RWY 13C-LOC extending from the 5-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective dates and times 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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ASW TX E5 Del Rio, TX [Amended]
Laughlin AFB, TX
(Lat 29°21'34"N, long 100°46'41"W)
Laughlin AFB: RWY 31C-LOC
(Lat 29°22'10"N, long 100°47'25"W)
Laughlin VORTAC
(Lat 29°21'39"N, long 100°46'18"W)
SWANT Waypoint
(Lat 29°17'23"N, long 100°45'37"W)
MINNM Waypoint
(Lat 29°12'30"N, long 100°44'20"W)
OTULE Waypoint
(Lat 29°04'42"N, long 100°39'17"W)
Laughlin AFB: RWY 13C-LOC
(Lat 29°20'52"N, long 100°45'57"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB, excluding Mexican airspace; and within 2 miles each side of the 135° bearing from the Laughlin AFB: RWY 31C-LOC extending from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.4 miles southeast of Laughlin AFB; and within 1.9 miles each side of the 149° bearing from the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.4 miles southeast of Laughlin AFB; and extending southeast from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB within 1 mile each side of line from SWANT to MINNM to OTULE, excluding Mexican airspace; and withing 2 miles each side of the 305° bearing from the Laughlin VORTAC extending from the 7.4-mile radius of Laughlin AFB to 11.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB; and within 2 miles each side of the 315° bearing from the Laughlin AFB: RWY 13C-LOC extending from the 7.4-mile radius to 11.5 miles northwest of Laughlin AFB.

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