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#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to provide additional controlled airspace for a new Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) procedure at Eppley Airfield. The airspace would segregate aircraft operating under VFR conditions from aircraft operating under IFR procedures. The area would be depicted on appropriate aeronautical charts thereby enabling pilots to circumnavigate the area or otherwise comply with IFR procedures. Class E airspace designations for airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation—(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 will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

#### 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 part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) as follows:

### PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

#### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, 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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ACE NE E5 Omaha, NE [Revised]

Eppley Airfield, NE

(Lat. 41°18'08"N., long. 95°53'37"W.)

Offutt AFB, NE

(Lat. 41°07'06"N., long. 95°54'45"W.)

Council Bluffs Municipal Airport, IA

(Lat. 41°15'32"N., long. 95°45'35"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.9-mile radius of the Eppley Airfield and within 3 miles each side of the Eppley Airfield ILS localizer course to Runway 14R extending from the 6.9-mile radius to 12 miles northwest of the airport and within a 7-mile radius of Offutt AFB and within 4.3 miles each side of the Offutt ILS localizer course extending from the 7-mile radius to 7.4 miles southeast of the AFB and within a 6.3-mile radius of the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport excluding that portion which lies within the Eppley Airfield and Offutt AFB Class E5 airspace.

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Issued in Kansas City, MO, on November 8, 1996.

Christopher R. Blum,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division, Central Region.

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### 14 CFR Part 71

#### [Airspace Docket No. 96-ANM-022]

#### Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace; Cortez, Colorado

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule would amend the Cortez, Colorado, Class E airspace to accommodate a new Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to the Cortez-Montezuma County

Airport. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, ANM-530, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ANM-022, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The official docket may be examined at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James C. Frala, ANM-532.4, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ANM-022, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone number (206) 227-2535.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 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 the airspace docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters 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 Airspace Docket No. 96-ANM-022.” The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received on or 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 the light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination at the address listed above both before and after the closing date for comments. A report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerned with this rulemaking will be filed in the docket.

#### Availability of NPRM's

Any person may obtain a copy of this NPRM by submitting a request to the

Federal Aviation Administration, Operations Branch, ANM-530, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should also request a copy of Advisory Circular No. 11-2A, which describes the application procedure.

#### The Proposal

The FAA is considering an amendment to part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 71) to amend Class E airspace at Cortez, Colorado, to accommodate a new GPS SIPA to the Cortez-Montezuma County Airport. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9D dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed 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 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.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

#### The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

#### PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389; 14 CFR 11.69.

#### § 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9D, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 4, 1996, and effective September 16, 1996, 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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ANM CO E5 Cortez, CO [Revised]

Cortez-Montezuma County Airport, CO  
(Lat. 37°18'11" N, long. 108°37'41" W)  
Cortez VOR/DME  
(Lat. 37°23'23" N, long. 108°33'42" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7-mile radius of the Cortez-Montezuma County Airport, and within 3.1 miles each side of the Cortez VOR/DME 184° and 004° radials extending from the 7-mile radius to 10.1 miles north of the VOR/DME; that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface beginning at lat. 37°52'00" N, long. 108°52'00" W; to lat. 37°48'00" N, long. 108°29'00" W; to lat. 37°40'00" N, long. 108°22'00" W; to lat. 37°16'00" N, long. 108°22'00" W, to lat. 37°12'00" N, long. 108°31'30" W; to lat. 37°04'00" N, long. 108°37'00" W; to lat. 37°04'00" N, long. 108°57'00" W; to lat. 37°16'00" N, long. 108°50'00" W; to lat. 37°30'00" N, long. 109°03'00" W; to lat. 37°47'00" N, long. 109°03'00" W; thence to the point of beginning

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Issued in Seattle, Washington, on November 14, 1996.

Glenn A. Adams III,

*Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division,  
Northwest Mountain Region.*

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#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-29]

#### Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace, Thomson, GA; and Proposed Amendment of Class E Airspace, Augusta, GA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes to establish Class E airspace at Thomas, GA, for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport. Currently the Class E airspace area for the airport is included in the Augusta, GA, Class E airspace area. The McDuffie NDB was relocated from an off-airport to

an on-airport site. As a result the NDB Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) has been revised. The subsequent airspace review revealed that less Class E airspace was now required for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport. As a result, the reduced Class E airspace area for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport no longer intersects the remainder of the Augusta Class E airspace area. Therefore, it is necessary to establish stand alone Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface (AGL) at Thomson, GA, for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport and amend the Augusta, GA, Class E airspace area by removing the airspace previously required for the Thomson-McDuffie Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 96-ASO-29, Manager, Operations Branch, ASO-530, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for Southern Region, Room 550, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337, telephone (404) 305-5586.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Benny L. McGlamery, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, Georgia 30320; telephone (404) 305-5570.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 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 the airspace docket and be submitted in triplicate to the address listed above. Commenters 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 Airspace Docket No. 96-ASO-29." The postcard will be date/time stamped and returned to the commenter. All communications received before the