DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–ANM–07]

Establishment of Class E Airspace; Lewiston, ID

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes the Lewiston, ID, Class E airspace. The recent commissioning of the Lewiston-Nez Perce Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS) qualifies the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport for a Class E surface area. The intended effect of this action is to provide the controlled airspace necessary, when the control tower is closed and Class D airspace is not active, to enable the FAA to provide Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) air traffic control services and separation to IFR aircraft.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Ripley, ANM–520.6, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 97–ANM–7, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone number: (425) 227–2527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On June 17, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by establishing the Class E airspace area at Lewiston, ID (62 FR 32703). The recent commissioning of the Lewiston-Nez Perce ASOS qualifies the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport for a Class E surface area. Interested parties were invited to participate in the rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas designated as a surface area for an airport are published in Paragraph 6002 of FAA Order 7400.9E, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This amendment to 14 CFR part 71 establishes Class E airspace within a 4.1 nautical mile radius of the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, Lewiston, ID. Where communication and weather reporting criteria are met, the FAA establishes Class E airspace extending upward from the surface to the base of the overlying controlled airspace to contain terminal instrument operations, if such action is justified and/or in the public interest. The recent installation and commissioning of the Lewiston-Nez Perce ASOS qualifies the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport for a Class E surface area. The intended effect of this action is to provide the controlled airspace necessary, when the control tower is closed and Class D airspace is not active, to enable the FAA to provide IFR air traffic control services and separation to IFR aircraft at the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport. The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference.

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 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).

Adoption of the Amendment

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

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIRWAYS; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

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.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6002 Class E airspace designated as a surface area for an airport.

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ANM ID E2 Lewiston, ID [New]

Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport, ID
(Lat. 46°22′47″ N, long. 117°00′92″ W)

Within a 4.1-mile radius of the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport. This Class E airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 97–ANM–11]

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gillette, WY

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action revises the Gillette, WY, Class E airspace. This amendment provides additional airspace to fully encompass the procedures for a revised Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) at Gillette-Campbell County Airport, Gillette, WY.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 0901 UTC, January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Ripley, ANM–520.6, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 97–ANM–11, 1601 Lind Avenue S.W., Renton, Washington 98055–4056; telephone number: (425) 227–2527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On July 25, 1997, the FAA proposed to amend Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by amending the Class E airspace area at Gillette, WY (62 FR 39977). This action would provide additional airspace to fully encompass a revised SIAP at Gillette-Campbell County Airport, WY.