

Spares

(e) As of the effective date of this AD, no person shall install an H-11 steel bolt having part number (P/N) BACB30MT () * () or BACB30TR () * (), or any other H-11 steel bolt in the locations specified in this AD, on any airplane.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(f) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(g) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 27, 1999.

Vi L. Lipski,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 71**

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AAL-15]

Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Koliganek, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to establish Class E airspace at Koliganek, AK. The establishment of Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument approach procedures at Koliganek Airport have made this action necessary. The Koliganek Airport status will change from Visual Flight Rules (VFR) to Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). Adoption of this proposal would result in adequate controlled airspace for aircraft flying IFR procedures at Koliganek, AK.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Operations Branch, AAL-530, Docket

No. 99-AAL-15, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

The official docket may be examined in the Office of the Regional Counsel for the Alaskan Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the Office of the Manager, Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, at the address shown above and on the Internet at Alaskan Region's homepage at <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> or at address <http://162.58.28.41/at>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Durand, Operations Branch, AAL-531, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587; telephone number (907) 271-5898; fax: (907) 271-2850; email: Bob.Durand@faa.gov. Internet address: <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at>.

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. 99-AAL-15." 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 light of comments received. All comments submitted will be available for examination in the Operations Branch, Air Traffic Division, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK, 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

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded, using a modem and suitable communications software, from the FAA regulations section of the Fedworld electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 703-321-3339) or the **Federal Register's** electronic bulletin board service (telephone: 202-512-1661).

Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** web page for access to recently published rulemaking documents at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su-docs/aces/aces140.html>.

Any person may obtain a copy of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Operations Branch, AAL-530, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587. Communications must identify the notice number of this NPRM. Persons interested in being placed on a mailing list for future NPRM's should contact the individual(s) identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

The Proposal

The FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class E airspace at Koliganek, AK, due to the development of two GPS instrument approach procedures. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide controlled airspace for IFR operations at Koliganek, AK.

The area would be depicted on aeronautical charts for pilot reference. The coordinates for this airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. The Class E airspace areas designated as 700/1200 foot transition areas are published in paragraph 6005 in FAA Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 (63 FR 50139; September 21, 1998). The Class E airspace designations 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—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 Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9F, *Airspace Designations and Reporting Points*, dated September 10, 1998, and effective September 16, 1998, is to be amended as follows:

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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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Koliganek Airport

(Lat. 61° 32' 11" N., long. 160° 20' 29" W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within 6.3-mile radius of the Koliganek Airport, and that airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within an area bounded by lat. 59° 08' 00" N. long. 158° 30' 00" W., to lat. 59° 55' 00" N. long. 158° 30' 00" W., to lat. 59° 55' 00" N. long. 155° 00' 00" W., to 59° 08' 00" N. long. 155° 00' 00" W., the point of beginning.

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Manager, Air Traffic Division, Alaskan Region.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 776

Floodplain and Wetland Procedures

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This proposal would revise existing procedures for the acquisition and management of real property and construction of facilities in floodplains and wetlands. These proposed changes would simplify and clarify the responsibilities of the Postal Service with regard to public notification and procedures to be followed when evaluating postal facility actions that may involve construction projects in floodplains or wetlands.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to the Manager, Real Estate, Facilities, 4301 Wilson Blvd, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203–1861.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical information: Hank Burmeister, (201) 714–5431. Legal information: Jeff Meadows, (202) 268–3009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Postal Service is proposing to clarify and simplify its regulations concerning its internal evaluation and decision-making processes for constructing facilities in floodplain and wetland areas, while ensuring public input and notice of these decisions. Experience over the years has demonstrated that the current regulations in many cases do not address the needs of local communities.

The Postal Service must balance local needs with its national mandate to provide universal, prompt, and efficient mail service while complying with environmental protection policies. Often the only suitable and available property requires construction in a floodplain or wetland. In these situations, an analysis which presumes that the Postal Service has an unlimited number of options available to provide community postal services is inefficient.

The proposed floodplain regulations would apply to construction of new postal facilities in floodplains. They would also apply to other construction projects, including the expansion or renovation of existing facilities, which would increase the amount of impervious area in a floodplain, such as paving over a dirt and gravel parking lot. However, the procedural requirement to conduct a no practicable alternatives analysis will not apply to every construction project located in a floodplain. For example, it would not

apply to construction or improvements to facilities such as boat docks and piers, which necessarily have to be placed in the floodplain, or to new construction of facilities where all contending sites are located in the floodplain. The no practicable alternatives analysis also would not apply where the entire preferred area for the location of a postal facility, whether expanded, renovated, or replaced, is in the floodplain.

These regulations attempt to balance the need to limit development in floodplains while addressing community inputs and needs. The Postal Service will continue to review the potential environmental impacts and effects of facility actions and to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures into facilities projects.

The wetland regulations, based on Executive Order (EO) 11990, are being simplified and clarified to separate them from the floodplain requirements, based on EO 11988. EO 11990 directs all federal agencies to avoid destruction or modification of wetlands whenever a practicable alternative can be found. The proposed regulations separate the requirements and procedures for floodplains and wetlands. These proposed regulations do not alter the basic procedure the Postal Service follows pursuant to EO 11990. For example, if the construction is proposed in a wetland, the Postal Service must still issue a written determination that there is no practicable alternative to such construction and that the proposed action includes all practicable mitigation measures. The Postal Service will continue to review the potential environmental impacts and effects of facility actions in wetlands and incorporate appropriate mitigation measures.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c) regarding proposed rulemaking) by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites comments on the following proposed amendments to part 776 of subchapter K of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 776

Floodplains, Postal Service.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Postal Service proposes to revise title 39 CFR part 776 to read as follows: