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Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to an environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures” prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

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, 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); 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 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

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V-38 [Amended]

From Moline, IL; INT Moline 082° and Peotone, IL, 281° radials; Peotone; Fort Wayne, IN; to INT Fort Wayne 091° and Rosewood, OH, 334° radials. From Parkersburg, WV; Elkins, WV; Gordonsville, VA; Richmond, VA; Harcum, VA; to Cape Charles, VA.

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V-133 [Amended]

From INT Charlotte, NC, 305° and Barretts Mountain, NC, 197° radials; Barretts Mountain; to Charleston, WV; From Saginaw, MI; Traverse City, MI; Escanaba, MI; Sawyer, MI; to Houghton, MI. From International Falls, MN; to Red Lake, ON, Canada. The airspace within Canada is excluded.

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V-144 [Amended]

From Fort Wayne, IN; to Appleton, OH. From Morgantown, WV; Kessel, WV; to Linden, VA.

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V-214 [Removed]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2024–2568; Airspace Docket No. 24–AGL–10]

RIN 2120–AA66

Amendment of Jet Routes J–60 and J–82, and VOR Federal Airways V–8, V–55, and V–221; and Revocation of VOR Federal Airways V–92 and V–126 in the Vicinity of Goshen, IN

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This action proposes to amend Jet Routes J–60 and J–82, and Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways V–8, V–55, and V–221; and revoke VOR Federal Airways V–92 and V–126. The FAA is proposing this action due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Goshen, IN (GSH), VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) navigational aid

(NAVAID). The Goshen VOR is being decommissioned in support of the FAA’s VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 23, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by FAA Docket No. FAA–2024–2568 and Airspace Docket No. 24–AGL–10 using any of the following methods:

* *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

* *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

* *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

* *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at (202) 493–2251.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/. You may also contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Office of Policy, Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20597; telephone: (202) 267–8783.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 the 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 would modify the National Airspace System as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written comments, data, or views. Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, aeronautical, economic, environmental, and energy-related aspects of the proposal. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. To ensure the docket does not contain duplicate comments, commenters should submit only one time if comments are filed electronically, or commenters should send only one copy of written comments if comments are filed in writing.

The FAA will file in the docket all comments it receives, as well as a report summarizing each substantive public contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Before acting on this proposal, the FAA will consider all comments it receives on or before the closing date for comments. The FAA will consider comments filed after the comment period has closed if it is possible to do so without incurring expense or delay. The FAA may change this proposal in light of the comments it receives.

Privacy: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Availability of Rulemaking Documents

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded through the internet at www.regulations.gov. Recently published rulemaking documents can also be accessed through the FAA's web page at www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/airspace_amendments/.

You may review the public docket containing the proposal, any comments received and any final disposition in person in the Dockets Operations office

(see **ADDRESSES** section for address, phone number, and hours of operations). An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours at the office of the Operations Support Group, Central Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX, 76177.

Incorporation by Reference

Jet Routes are published in paragraph 2004 and VOR Federal Airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) 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 proposes to amend the current version of that order, FAA Order JO 7400.11J, dated July 31, 2024, and effective September 15, 2024. These updates would be published in the next update to FAA Order JO 7400.11. That order is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

FAA Order JO 7400.11J lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

Background

The FAA is planning to decommission the VOR portion of the Goshen, IN, VORTAC in June 2025. The Goshen VOR is one of the candidate VORs identified for discontinuance by the FAA's VOR MON program and listed in the Final policy statement notice, "Provision of Navigation Services for the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) Transition to Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) (Plan for Establishing a VOR Minimum Operational Network)," published in the **Federal Register** on July 26, 2016 (81 FR 48694), Docket No. FAA-2011-1082.

Although the VOR portion of the Goshen VORTAC is planned for decommissioning, the co-located Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) portion of the NAVAID is being retained. The TACAN would continue to provide navigational service for military operations and Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) service supporting current and future NextGen PBN flight procedure requirements.

The Air Traffic Service (ATS) routes affected by the planned decommissioning of the Goshen VOR are J-60, J-82, V-8, V-55, V-92, V-126, and V-221. With the planned decommissioning of the Goshen VOR, the remaining ground-based NAVAID coverage in the area is insufficient to enable the continuity of the affected routes. As such, proposed modifications to J-82 and V-221 would result in the

ATS routes being shortened; to J-60 would result in a gap in the route; to V-8 would result in an existing gap being expanded; to V-55 would result in an additional gap in the airway; and to V-92 and V-126 would result in the airways being revoked.

To address the proposed amendments to the affected ATS routes, instrument flight rules (IFR) traffic could use Jet Routes J-30, J-146, and J-584 in the high-altitude stratum or use VOR Federal Airways V-10, V-38, V-277, and V-526 in the low-altitude stratum to navigate around the area affected by the planned decommissioning of the Goshen VOR. Additionally, IFR pilots with Area Navigation (RNAV)-equipped aircraft could navigate using RNAV Route Q-62 in the high-altitude stratum, RNAV Routes T-215 and T-265 in the low-altitude stratum, or point-to-point using the existing Fixes and waypoints (WP) that would remain in place to support continued operations though the affected area. Visual flight rules pilots who elect to navigate via the affected ATS routes could also take advantage of the adjacent conventional airways listed above, as well as the listed RNAV routes and point-to-point navigation, if properly equipped. Lastly, all aircraft have the option to request and receive radar vectors from air traffic control to transit the affected area as well.

The Proposal

The FAA is proposing an amendment to 14 CFR part 71 by amending Jet Routes J-60 and J-82, and VOR Federal Airways V-8, V-55, and V-221; and revoking VOR Federal Airways V-92 and V-126. The FAA is proposing this action due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Goshen, IN, VORTAC NAVAID. The proposed ATS route actions are described below.

J-60: J-60 currently extends between the Los Angeles, CA, VORTAC and the Sparta, NJ, VORTAC. The FAA proposes to remove the route segment between the Joliet, IL, VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME) and the Dryer, OH, VOR/DME. As amended, the route would be changed to extend between the Los Angeles VORTAC and the Joliet VOR/DME, and between the Dryer VOR/DME and the Sparta VORTAC.

J-82: J-82 currently extends between the Battle Ground, WA, VORTAC and the Sioux Falls, SD, VORTAC; and between the Dubuque, IA, VORTAC and the Goshen, IN, VORTAC. The FAA proposes to remove the route segment between the Joliet, IL, VOR/DME and the Goshen VORTAC. As amended, the route would be changed to extend

between the Battle Ground VORTAC and the Sioux Falls VORTAC, and between the Dubuque VORTAC and the Joliet VOR/DME.

V-8: V-8 currently extends between the intersection of the Seal Beach, CA, VORTAC 266° and Ventura, CA, VOR/DME 144° radials (DOYLE Fix) and the Flag City, OH, VORTAC; and between the Martinsburg, WV, VORTAC and the Washington, DC, VOR/DME. The portion of the airway outside the United States has no upper limit. The FAA proposes to remove the airway segment between the Chicago Heights, IL, VORTAC and the Flag City VORTAC. As amended, the airway would be changed to extend between the intersection of the Seal Beach VORTAC 266° and Ventura VOR/DME 144° radials (DOYLE Fix) and the Chicago Heights VORTAC, and between the Martinsburg VORTAC and the Washington VOR/DME.

V-55: V-55 currently extends between the Dayton, OH, VOR/DME and the Pullman, MI, VOR/DME; and between the Grand Forks, ND, VOR/DME and the Bismarck, ND, VOR/DME. The FAA proposes to remove the airway segment between the Fort Wayne, IN, VORTAC and the Gipper, MI, VORTAC. As amended, the airway would be changed to extend between the Dayton VOR/DME and the Fort Wayne VORTAC, between the Gipper VORTAC and the Pullman VOR/DME, and between the Grand Forks VOR/DME and the Bismarck VOR/DME.

V-92: V-92 currently extends between the Chicago Heights, IL, VORTAC and the Goshen, IN, VORTAC. The FAA proposes to remove the airway in its entirety.

V-126: V-126 currently extends between the Goshen, IN, VORTAC and the intersection of the Goshen VORTAC 092° and Fort Wayne, IN, VORTAC 016° radials (ILTON Fix). The FAA proposes to remove the airway in its entirety.

V-221: V-221 currently extends between the Bible Grove, IL, VORTAC and the intersection of the Fort Wayne, IN, VORTAC 016° and Goshen, IN, VORTAC 092° radials (ILTON Fix). The FAA proposes to remove the airway segment between the Fort Wayne VORTAC and the intersection of the Fort Wayne VORTAC 016° and Goshen VORTAC 092° radials (ILTON Fix). As amended, the airway would be changed to extend between the Bible Grove VORTAC and the Fort Wayne VORTAC.

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Paragraph 2004 Jet Routes.

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J-60 [Amended]

From Los Angeles, CA; Paradise, CA; Hector, CA; Boulder City, NV; Bryce Canyon, UT; Hanksville, UT; Red Table, CO; Mile High, CO; Hayes Center, NE; Lincoln, NE; Iowa City, IA; to Joliet, IL. From Dryer, OH;

Philipsburg, PA; INT Philipsburg 100° and Sparta, NJ, 253° radials; to Sparta.

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J-82 [Amended]

From Battle Ground, WA; Donnelly, ID; Dubois, ID; Crazy Woman, WY; Rapid City, SD; to Sioux Falls, SD. From Dubuque, IA; INT Dubuque 095° and Joliet, IL, 317° radials; to Joliet.

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Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal Airways.

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V-8 [Amended]

From INT Seal Beach, CA, 266° and Ventura, CA, 144° radials; Seal Beach; Paradise, CA; 35 miles, 7 miles wide (3 miles SE and 4 miles NW of centerline) Hector, CA; Goffs, CA; INT Goffs 033° and Morman Mesa, NV, 196° radials; Morman Mesa; Bryce Canyon, UT; Hanksville, UT; Grand Junction, CO; Rifle, CO; Kremmling, CO; Mile High, CO; Akron, CO; Hayes Center, NE; Grand Island, NE; Omaha, IA; Des Moines, IA; Iowa City, IA; Moline, IL; Joliet, IL; to Chicago Heights, IL. From Martinsburg, WV; to Washington, DC. The portion outside the United States has no upper limit.

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V-55 [Amended]

From Dayton, OH; to Fort Wayne, IN. From Gipper, MI; Keeler, MI; to Pullman, MI. From Grand Forks, ND; INT Grand Forks 239° and Bismarck, ND, 067° radials; to Bismarck.

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V-92 [Removed]

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V-126 [Removed]

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V-221 [Amended]

From Bible Grove, IL; Hoosier, IN; Shelbyville, IN; Muncie, IN; to Fort Wayne, IN.

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