

airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (g) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To detect and correct fatigue cracking, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the outboard chords, and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane, accomplish the following:

Restatement of AD 95-12-17

Inspections of the Outboard Chord

(a) For airplanes on which the body station (BS) 727 frame upper outboard chord has been replaced in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53-1088: Prior to the accumulation of 30,000 total flight cycles since replacement of the upper outboard chord, or within 4,500 flight cycles after August 18, 1995, the effective date of AD 95-12-17 (60 FR 36981, July 19, 1995), whichever occurs later, perform close visual, pulse echo shear wave (PESW), and high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspections to detect cracks in the outboard chord of the frame at BS 727 and in the outboard chord of stringer 18A; in accordance with Part I of the Accomplishment Instructions of either Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, dated June 30, 1994; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, Revision 1, dated May 25, 1995.

Certain Other Inspections

(b) For airplanes on which the BS 727 frame outboard chord has not been replaced or on which only the lower outboard chord has been replaced in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53-1088: Perform close visual, PESW, and HFEC inspections to detect cracks in the outboard chord of the frame at BS 727 and in the outboard chord of stringer 18A; in accordance with Part I of the Accomplishment Instructions of either Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, dated June 30, 1994; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, Revision 1, dated May 25, 1995; at the times specified in paragraph (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), or (b)(5) of this AD. Thereafter, repeat the inspections at intervals not to exceed 4,500 flight cycles.

(1) For airplanes that have accumulated 27,000 or more total flight cycles, but fewer than 50,000 total flight cycles, as of August 18, 1995: Perform the inspections within 4,500 flight cycles after August 18, 1995.

(2) For airplanes that have accumulated 50,000 or more total flight cycles, but fewer than 60,000 total flight cycles, as of August 18, 1995: Perform the inspections within 2,500 flight cycles after August 18, 1995.

(3) For airplanes that have accumulated 60,000 or more total flight cycles, as of August 18, 1995: Perform the inspections within 1,500 flight cycles after August 18, 1995.

(4) For airplanes that have accumulated 70,000 or more total flight cycles as of August 18, 1995: Perform the inspections within 500 flight cycles or within 90 days after August 18, 1995.

New Requirements of This AD

(c) For any airplane that had accumulated less than 27,000 total flight cycles as of August 18, 1995 (the effective date of AD-95-12-17): Within 4,500 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, perform close visual, pulse echo shear wave (PESW), and high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspections to detect cracks in the outboard chord of the frame at BS 727 and in the outboard chord of stringer 18A; in accordance with Part I of the Accomplishment Instructions of either Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, dated June 30, 1994; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, Revision 1, dated May 25, 1995. Thereafter, repeat the inspections at intervals not to exceed 4,500 flight cycles.

(d) If any crack is found in the outboard chord of stringer 18A during any inspection required by this AD, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with either paragraph (d)(1) or (d)(2) of this AD.

(1) Repair in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, Revision 1, dated May 25, 1995; or

(2) Repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA; or in accordance with data meeting the type certification basis of the airplane approved by a Boeing Company Designated Engineering Representative who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make such findings. For a repair method to be approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO, as required by this paragraph, the Manager's approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

(e) If any crack is found in the outboard chord of the frame at BS 727 during any inspection required by this AD: Accomplish paragraph (e)(1) or (e)(2) of this AD, as applicable, in accordance with either Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, dated June 30, 1994; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, Revision 1, dated May 25, 1995. Thereafter, repeat the inspections required by either paragraph (a) or (b) of this AD, as applicable, at intervals not to exceed 4,500 flight cycles.

(1) If any crack extends from the forward edge of the chord or from the forward fastener hole, but does not extend past the second fastener hole, accomplish either paragraph (e)(1)(i) or (e)(1)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Prior to further flight, install the time-limited repair. Prior to the accumulation of 4,500 flight cycles or within 18 months after accomplishment of the repair, whichever occurs first, replace the outboard chord. Or

(ii) Prior to further flight, replace the outboard chord.

Note 2: Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1166 references Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53-1088 as an additional source of service information for procedures to replace the chord.

(2) If any crack extends from the forward edge of the chord, or from the forward

fastener hole, and extends past the second fastener hole, prior to further flight, replace the outboard chord in accordance with either the original issue or Revision 1 of the service bulletin.

(f) Accomplishment of the actions specified in paragraph (f)(1) or (f)(2) of this AD in accordance with either Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, dated June 30, 1994, or Boeing Service Bulletin 737-53A1166, Revision 1, dated May 25, 1995, constitutes terminating action for the requirements of this AD.

(1) For airplanes on which no crack is found: Install the preventative modification.

(2) For airplanes on which any crack is found: Prior to further flight, replace the cracked chord and install the preventative modification.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(g) 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

(h) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 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 July 2, 2001.

Vi L. Lipski,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

[FR Doc. 01-17122 Filed 7-9-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-U

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 01-ANM-12]

Proposed Establishment of Class D Airspace; Kalispell, MT

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This proposal would establish the Kalispell, MT, Class D surface area airspace to accommodate the procedures associated with the operation of a new Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell, MT.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Manager, Airspace Branch, ANM-520, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 01-ANM-12, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

The official docket may be examined in the office of the Assistant Chief Counsel for the Northwest Mountain Region at the same address.

An informal docket may also be examined during normal business hours in the office of the Manager, Air Traffic Division, Airspace Branch, at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Durham, ANM-520.7, Federal Aviation Administration, Docket No. 01-ANM-12, 1601 Lind Avenue SW, Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone number: (425) 227-2527.

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. 01-ANM-12." 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, Airspace Branch, ANM-520, 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 Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations, part 71 (14 CFR part 71) by establishing Class D airspace at Kalispell, MT. This amendment would provide Class D airspace to be used with the establishment of a new operational ATCT at Glacier Park International Airport. This amendment would allow the proper type of airspace to be established to promote safety of flight while the ATCT is operational. The FAA establishes Class D airspace where necessary to protect aircraft transitioning between the terminal and en route environments, and to provide local Visual Flight Rules (VFR) sequencing by ATCT personnel. The intended effect of this proposal is designed to provide safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace and to promote safe flight operations under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and VFR at Glacier Park International Airport and between the terminal and en route transition stages.

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 D surface airspace areas are published in Paragraph 5000, of FAA Order 7400.9H dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D 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—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 7400.9H, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 1, 2000, and effective September 16, 2000, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 General.

* * * * *

ANM MT D Kalispell, MT [New]

Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell, MT

(Lat. 48°18'41" N, long. 114°15'17" W)

That airspace extending upwards from the surface to and including 5,500 feet MSL within a 4.3-mile radius of the Glacier Park International Airport. This Class D 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.

* * * * *

Issued in Seattle, Washington, on June 29, 2001.

Lee Daniel,

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

[FR Doc. 01-17241 Filed 7-9-01; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-M