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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. Commentators 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: "Comment to Airspace Docket No. 95-ANE-24." 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 System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, at 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 02108-5299, 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 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) by submitting a request to the Federal Aviation Administration, System Management Branch, Air Traffic Division, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 02108-5299. 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 revoke the Class D and Class E airspace areas established at the former Loring Air Force Base (AFB), Limestone, Maine, and to amend the Class E airspace at the Northern Maine Regional Airport at Presque, Isle, Maine, to delete the portion of that airspace in the vicinity of Loring AFB. As of October 1, 1994, Loring AFB ceased operations, and since that time all standard instrument approach procedures to Loring AFB have been cancelled. The air traffic control tower at Loring is closed, and weather observation reports are no longer available from that facility. Therefore, this action is necessary to revoke the Limestone Class D and Class E airspace areas, and to amend the Presque Isle Class E airspace area to delete the controlled airspace in the vicinity of the former Loring AFB. Class D and Class E airspace areas are published in FAA Order 7400.9B, dated July 18, 1994, and effective September 16, 1994, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. Class D airspace areas appear in paragraph 5000 of FAA Order 7400.9B, Class E areas designated as extensions to a Class D areas appear in paragraph 6004, and Class E areas extending upward from 700 feet or more about the surface of the earth appear in paragraph 6005. The Class D and Class E airspace designations listed in this document would be published subsequently in the Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation involves only an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep these regulations 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 economic cost will be so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, the FAA certifies 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).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposed to amend 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. app. 1348(a), 1354(a), 1510; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963, Comp., p. 389; 49 U.S.C. 106(g); 14 CFR 11.69.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9B, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated July 18, 1994, and effective September 16, 1994, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000 General
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ANE ME D Limestone, ME [Removed]

Paragraph 6004 Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D Surface Area
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ANE ME E4 Limestone, ME [Removed]

Paragraph 6005 Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward From 700 Feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth
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ANE ME E5 Presque Isle, ME [Amended]

Northern Maine Regional Airport at Presque Isle, ME
(Lat. 46°41'20" N, long. 68°02'41" W)
Presque Isle VORTAC
(Lat. 46°46'27" N, long. 68°05'40" W)
EXCAL LOM
(Lat. 46°36'37" N, long. 68°01'08" W)
Caribou Municipal Airport, ME
(Lat. 46°52'17" N, long. 68°01'04" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within an 11-mile radius of Northern Maine Regional Airport at Presque Isle, and within 3 miles each side of the EXCAL LOM 165° bearing extending from the 11-mile radius to 9.2 miles south of the