

Federal Aviation Administration Categorical Exclusion Declaration

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Request ID: PAMR_26423

Single or Multiple Procedure: Multiple

Procedure Name(s):

MERRILL TWO (RNAV) DEPARTURE, RNAV (GPS) RWY 35, RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 8, RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 8

Historic Properties: None

Procedure Request Description:

The Merrill Field Airport (PAMR) located in Anchorage, Alaska supports the airspace needs for the PAMR community and averages approximately 450 operations/day. To improve safety for this community the airport requested amendments to four (4) airspace procedures that are identified as follows:

- MERRILL TWO (RNAV) DEPARTURE,
- RNAV (GPS) RWY 35,
- RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 8, and
- RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 8.

These procedures were developed, at the request of the airport and some airline pilots, to assist with operations when weather minimums do not allow landing or departure from the airport. These proposed procedures will provide improved take-off and landing minimums as compared to the FAA-maintained Obstacle Departure Procedures (ODPs) and circling-aligned approach procedure. Also, the PAMR assigned magnetic variation is changing from 19E to 13E. This will result in Runway 7/25 being renumbered to 8/26 and magnetic courses for each procedure being updated by 6 degrees. No other changes to aircraft altitudes or tracks will be made. Based on the information reviewed this project meets the qualifications for Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) as defined in FAA Order 1050.1G.

Declaration of Exclusion:

The FAA has reviewed the above referenced proposed action and it has been determined, by the undersigned, to be categorically excluded from further environmental documentation according to FAA Order 1050.1G, "FAA National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures." The implementation of this action will not result in any extraordinary circumstances in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1G.

Basis for this Determination:

This review was conducted in accordance with policies and procedures in Department of Transportation Order 5610.1, "Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts" and FAA Order 1050.1G.

The applicable Categorical Exclusion is:

B-2.5.k: Publication of existing air traffic control procedures that do not essentially change existing tracks, create new tracks, change altitude, or change the concentration of aircraft on these tracks. (ATO, AVS)

The above flight procedure has been developed within the accepted parameters.

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