

13-01-270 Stepdown Fix Chart Notes

ACTION: Bruce McGray, AFS-410, Rune Duke, AOPA, and Rich Boll, NBAA, to review existing AIM guidance and draft revisions necessary to clarify stepdown fix use.

5-4-5(b): either a new paragraph 5 or new note for this section

Altitude restrictions depicted at stepdown fixes within the final approach segment are applicable only to the LNAV, LP or Circling line of minima identified as a MDA(H). Stepdown fix altitude restrictions within the final approach segment do not apply to ILS, LPV, LNAV/VNAV lines of minima identified as a DA(H) since obstacle clearance on these approaches are based on the aircraft following the applicable vertical guidance. Pilots are responsible for adherence to stepdown fix altitude restrictions when outside the Precise Final Approach Fix (PFAF)/Final Approach (FAF) regardless of which type of procedure the pilot is flying.

TPP Legend Change—NOTE: Change “on final approach segment” to “inside the PFAF/FAF:

