

AOPA Mountain Pass Working Group Update

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Questions to Consider

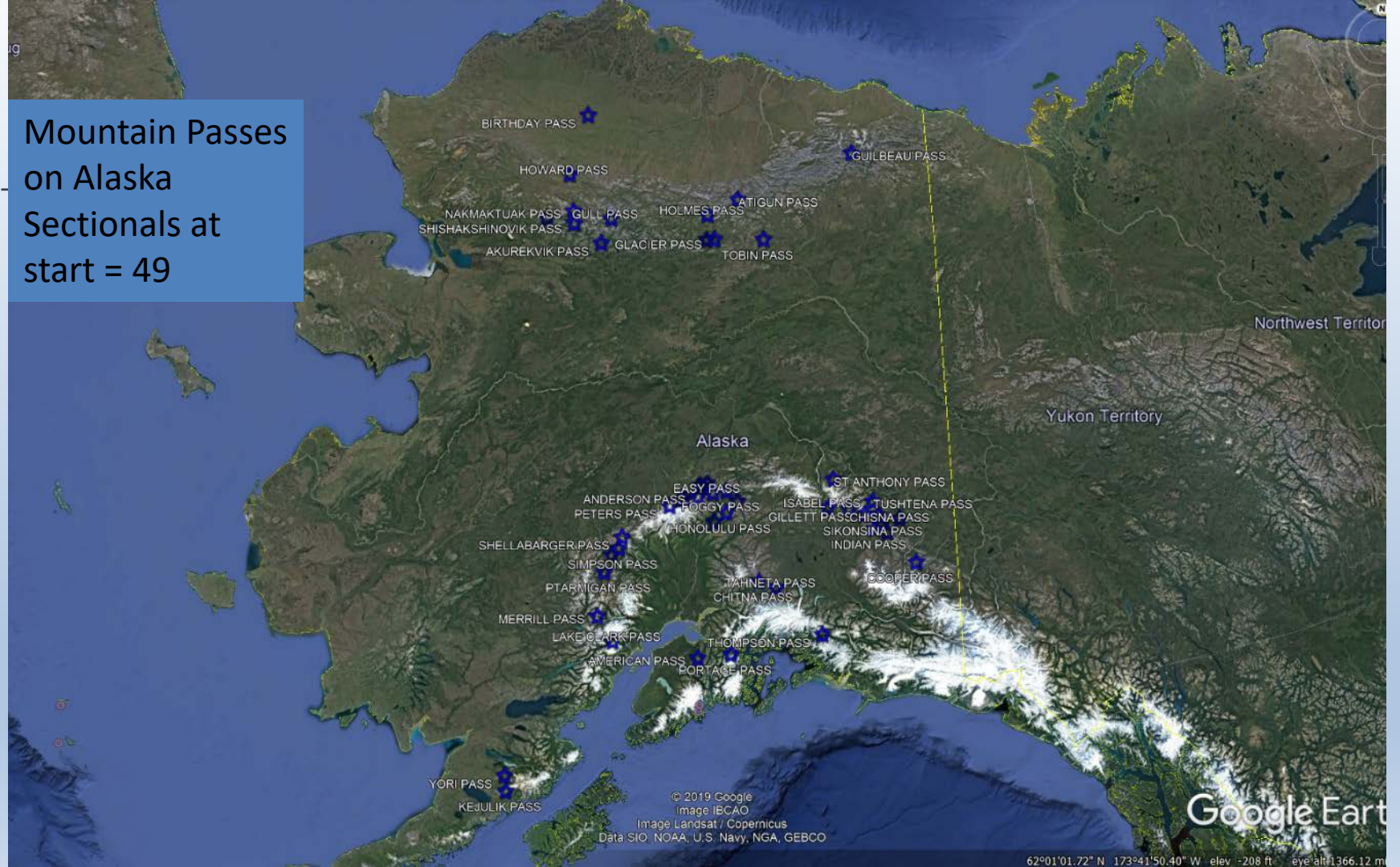


Atigun Pass

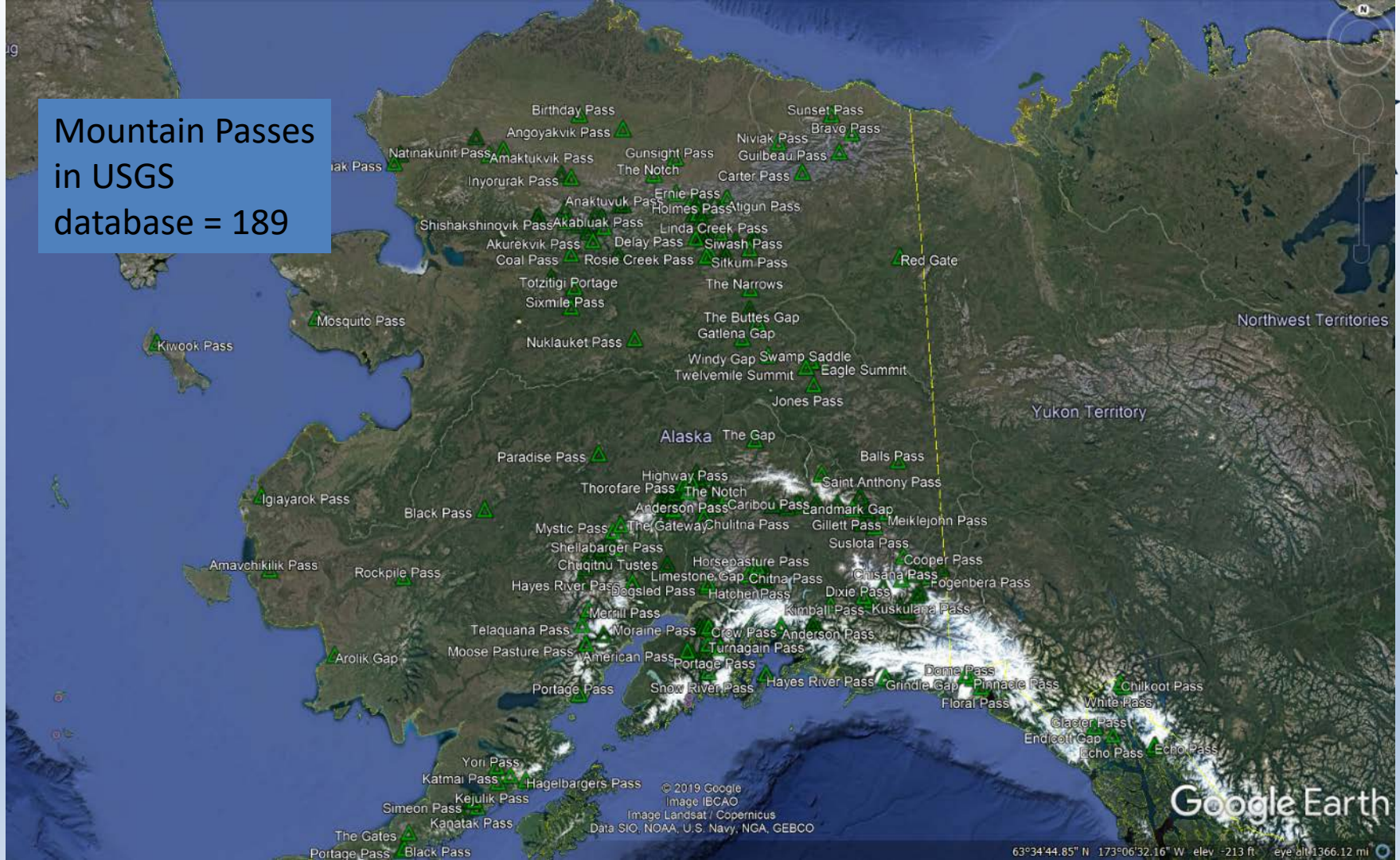
- A. Remove unsafe/unused mountain passes
- B. Identify any mountain passes that should be charted
- C. Establish VFR waypoints that will improve identification of mountain passes



Mountain Passes
on Alaska
Sectionals at
start = 49



Mountain Passes
in USGS
database = 189



Progress



Assembled a Working Group

Industry:

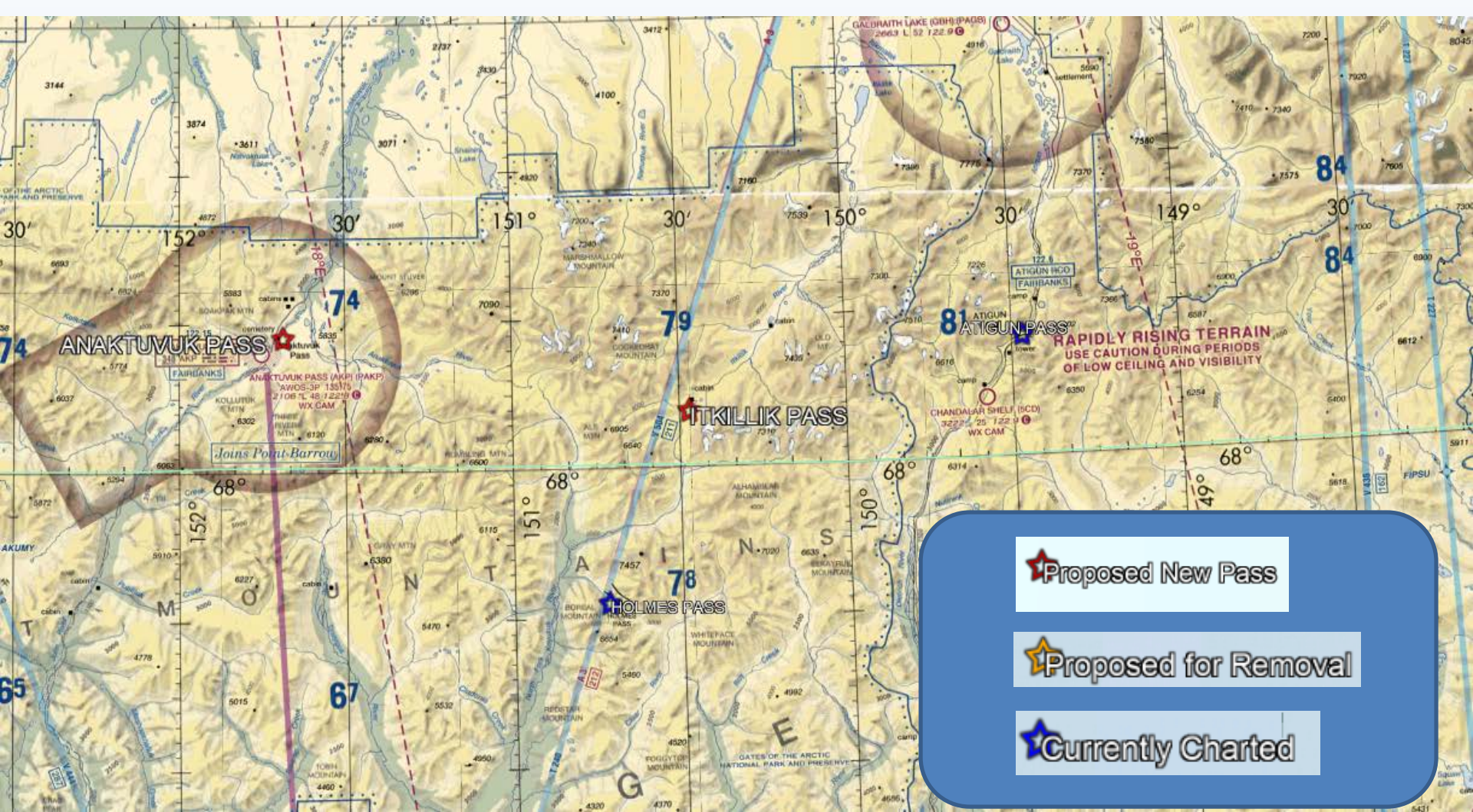
Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association
Alaska Airmen's Association
Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation
K2 Aviation
Shadow Aviation


Government:


FAA: ATC, Charting, Flight Standards, Flight Service, Flight Procedures, AK Reg. Admin., OSG
Coast Guard
Air Force
Dept. of the Interior
National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health
Colorado Division of Aeronautics


Held three meetings

- January 7, 2020
- February 11, 2020
- April 9, 2020



 Proposed New Pass

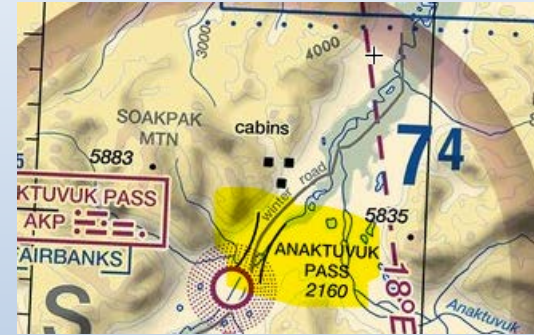
 Proposed for Removal

 Currently Charted

Current Status



- FAA Charting has added three passes that were in the USGS Data Base
 - Anaktuvuk, White and Chilkoot
- Plan to adjust locations and add elevations to existing Alaska passes (delayed by COVID impacts)
 - Charting resumed updates to existing passes in April
- One new mountain pass NOT in USGS database is being proposed for inclusion in the *Geographic Names Information System* (GNIS)
- Working group developed draft proposal for using *VFR Waypoints/Checkpoints* for pilot situational awareness



Next steps:

- Explore possibility of adding information about mountain passes into Backmatter of the Flight Supplement
- Locate Flight Standards policy point of contact to participate in discussion of draft recommendation regarding:
 - procedures to add and/or delete mountain passes from flight charts
 - Use of VFR Waypoints and Checkpoints to provide situational awareness for pilots



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Thank you!

Backup Slides



Example of Issue

Atigun Pass – Uncharted Alternatives

