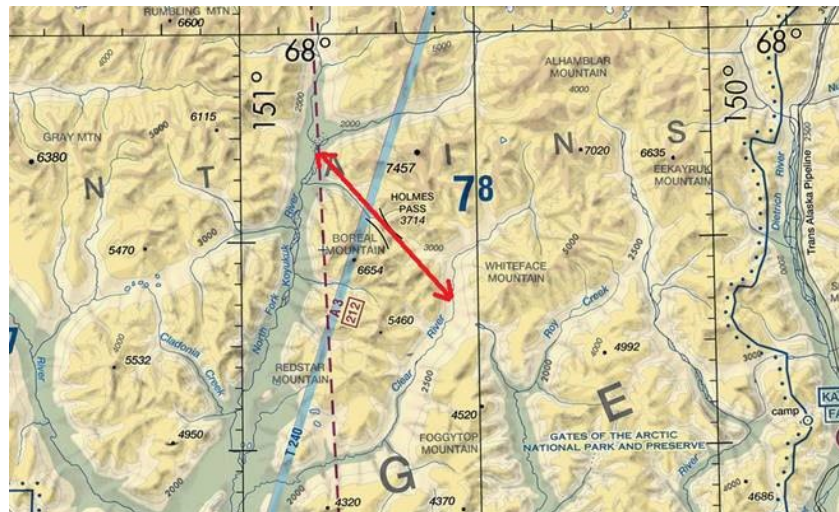




NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED

Proposed Change to Fairbanks VFR Sectional

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is proposing to remove a label identifying Holmes Pass on the Fairbanks VFR Sectional. This pass is in the Central Brooks Range, midway between the Atigun and Anaktuvuk Passes. The FAA believes that the North Fork of the Koyuk River (immediately to the west) provides a better, safer route for VFR pilots transiting this area, and removing the Holmes Pass label will encourage the use of the safer route.



FAA analysis of track data from ADSB-equipped aircraft indicates that the Holmes Pass route is very seldom, if ever, used. However, ADSB-equipped aircraft represents approximately 30% of the aircraft in Alaska and does not adequately represent enough aircraft to make a usage judgment. Therefore, we request that pilots review this proposal and advise us how often they use the Holmes Pass route and if it is beneficial to retain its identification on the sectional.

Responses may be sent to: 7-ANM-OSG-Public-Notice-Inbox@FAA.GOV

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