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We hope that everyone had a happy Christmas. Our hopes go out to all for a great New Year. Please remember to drive safely and watch out for the other drivers and children that may be on the streets and highways.

Water levels are very mixed across the district. With the trees dormant and some recharge still filtering down from the big rain several months ago water levels would like to go up most areas. Our problem with water levels is that there is a lot of irrigated wheat and no rain since the last big rain in September. I am seeing small increases of half a foot to two feet in water levels in wells in Tom Green and Concho counties except where irrigation wells are running. Around the areas of irrigated wheat were drops in the water table of 5 to 20 feet. Because of the cross connected nature of our aquifers these low spots will slowly pull the water levels in the surrounding areas down.

We need a general rain to do two main things for our water tables. One is to provide a source of recharge for our aquifers especially during the winter months. The second is to shut off the pumps that are trying to pump enough water to get the wheat up and keep it growing.

We hope and pray the coming year will be a good one for all.

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