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I hope everyone got a good rain. Some parts of the district had trouble with too much rain too fast and most of it ran off taking out terraces and cutting washouts through fields.

I had hoped to see more recharge showing up. It seems that either there was not enough

rain to help much or in the big rainfall areas it mostly ran off. The biggest jumps in water levels appeared to be in areas that had runoff water so deep it was over the top of wells. Those areas tended to show some real improvement in water levels but those spikes will decline as the water spreads out in the aquifers.

Runnels county was still showing mostly declining water levels with levels down usually less than a foot. A few areas near irrigated fields had large drops.

Tom Green and Concho counties were very mixed with some wells showing very large jumps in water levels and a few miles over other wells showing declines in water levels. Some areas that had been seeing very heavy pumping were showing increases but much of that was due to pumps being off rather than recharge from the rain.

The rain was great but we need lots more on our main recharge areas. The aquifers in most areas are still very low and as we reach our main irrigation time it will not take much pumping to go back to historical low levels. Please use your water wisely and consider your neighbor's needs before you turn on your pumps.

Sincerely  
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