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Ward County Fatal Crash

What: Fatal Crash
Where: 209th St NW/ jct of Hwy 52 (5.5miles S of Carpio)
When: September 22, 2020 at approximately 1027hrs CST
Road Conditions: Good
Weather Conditions: Clear
Crash Involvement: One tractor and one locomotive
Type of Crash: Angle

Agencies Involved: North Dakota Highway Patrol, Ward County Sheriff’s Office, Community Ambulance, Carpio Fire, and Berthold Fire.

Vehicle No. 1: Locomotive
    Engineer No. 1: Male, 43, Harvey, ND; not injured.
    Restraints: n/a
    Charges: under investigation

Vehicle No. 2: 2020 Fendt 716 Tractor
    Operator No. 2: Male, 26, Kenmare, ND; fatal injuries.
    Restraints: n/a
    Charges: under investigation

NARRATIVE: The Fendt tractor was mowing the ditches along Highway 52 near 209th Street NW. The Fendt tractor crossed over to the eastside of the railroad tracks on 209th Street NW. A person on-scene witnessed the operator of the tractor then backing over the railroad tracks. While backing over the railroad tracks, a locomotive traveling northbound on the railway struck the side of the Fendt tractor. The operator of the tractor was pronounced dead on scene due to injuries sustained from the crash. The names of the individuals involved are being withheld pending family notifications. The crash is still under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.
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