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Ditch Fire I-29 3 miles south of Grand Forks

NARRATIVE: On August 8, 2021, at approximately 13:57 (1:57 PM), a vehicle was traveling southbound pulling a trailer in which the tire blew. The vehicle continued south on I-29 near MM 136 until MM 134. During which sparks from the wheel set the west ditch on fire. The fire was set in 3 different spots for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. The driver eventually was stopped near MM 134. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Patrick Maloney. Maloney was cited for operation of an unsafe motor vehicle.

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