

**NEWS RELEASE** | **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** | March 20, 2024

**Hwy. 38 MM 2 – Buffalo - Railroad Crossing Injury Crash**  
**\*\*\*Corrected Release – Sequence of Events\*\*\***

**What:** An SUV struck a BNSF vehicle at the railroad crossing

**Where:** BNSF railroad crossing on Hwy. 38 MM 2 @ Buffalo, ND

**When:** March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ approximately 9:35 am

**Road Conditions:** Dry

**Type of Crash:** Two vehicle T-Bone crash

**Agencies Involved:** NDHP, Cass County SO, Buffalo FD & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, Page Ambulance, Casselton Ambulance, Sanford Ambulance

**Vehicle No. 1:** 2017 GMC Acadia

**Driver No. 1:** Patty Hoag, 72 YOA female, Hunter, ND – minor injuries

**Restraints:** Restrained & air bag deployment

**Charges:** None

**Passenger No. 1:** Myron Hoag, 75 YOA male, Hunter, ND – minor injuries, restrained & air bag deployment

**Passenger No. 2:** Laurel McPherson, 71 YOA female, Erie, ND – minor injuries, restrained

**Vehicle No. 2:** 2016 Ford F250 BNSF High Rail truck

**Operator:** Travis Fortier, 47 YOA male, Jamestown, ND – minor injuries

**Restraints:** Under investigation – no air bag deployment

**Charges:** Not applicable

**NARRATIVE:**

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 9:35 am, a two-vehicle injury crash occurred at the railroad crossing on Hwy. 38 MM 2 at Buffalo, ND. The railroad crossing is a BNSF crossing with stop arms and lights.

A BNSF Ford F250 High Rail pickup was westbound traveling on the BNSF main line track. The Ford entered the crossing on the railroad tracks and into the path of the southbound GMC. **The Ford struck the drivers side of the GMC in a T-bone type crash.**

The stop arms and lights to notify traffic approaching the crossing on Hwy. 38 were not down or activated at the time of the crash. Typically, BNSF high rail vehicles such as this pickup do not trigger the automatic deployment of these traffic safety devices.

The operator of the Ford was transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo with minor injuries. All three occupants of the GMC were also transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo for minor injuries. Page, Casselton, and Sanford Ambulance Services worked together on the care and transport of all patients.

The crash remains under investigation by the NDHP.

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