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CASS COUNTY FATAL CRASH UPDATE

What: Fatal crash

Where: 133rd Ave SE and 16th St SE, 5 miles northwest of Page

When: 10:59 AM, Thursday, October 9

Road Conditions: Dry

Weather Conditions: Dry

Crash Involvement: Combine, BNSF Train

Type of Crash: Train strike

Agencies Involved: NDHP, Cass County Sheriff's Office, BNSF Police, Page Ambulance, Sanford Ambulance, Page Fire Department.

Vehicle No. 1: 2020 John Deere Combine

Driver No. 1: Herman Van Den Berg, 33, Colgate, ND, fatal injuries

Restraints: Under investigation

NARRATIVE: On Thursday, October 9 at approximately 10:59 AM, a John Deere combine driven by Herman Van Den Berg was traveling south on 133rd Ave SE. A BNSF train was traveling westbound. The combine collided with the front locomotive. The collision caused approximately 20 train cars to derail and send cargo into field areas along the railroad tracks. The driver of the combine died on scene from injuries sustained in the crash. The conductor and engineer were not injured.

133rd Ave Southeast will be closed north and south of the tracks for 34-48 hours.

The crash remains under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.



*Photos taken by NDHP

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