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Brazil's Cuiabá- Santarém (BR-163) Highway: The Environmental Cost of Paving a Soybean Corridor through the Amazon

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Brazil's Cuiabá-Santarém (BR-163) Highway is slated to be paved as an export corridor for soybeans via the Amazon River. The area to be traversed by the highway is largely outside of the control of the Brazilian government, with a climate of generalized lawlessness and impunity. Paving the road would further accelerate forest loss in the area, as well as accelerate migration of land thieves (*grileiros*) to other frontiers.