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Photo illustration of New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, workers for Libero Copper & Gold's Mocoa project, and a copper key made from deposits.

Chris Sununu's father and brother sit on the boards of a company conducting exploratory drilling next to a protected forest reserve in Colombia and its largest shareholder.

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A quadrant with aerials of the Mocoa region.

The Mocoa region, where the Andes meet the Amazon, is home to immense biodiversity, dozens of headwaters and multiple Indigenous reservations.

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Workers on a drill pad for Libero Copper & Gold's Mocoa project.

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