

## Ribbon cutting at Burnt Sock Landing

September 4, 2014

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Wednesday at Burnt Sock Landing in Vernon. This rehabilitation of the exclusive canoe, kayak and small boat launching resource was a project by Northwest Florida Water Management District.



The following remarks were made by Chamber Executive Director Ted Everett:

*As a Washington County resident myself, I know how important our area's rivers, creeks and springs are to our communities and way of life.*

*Our clear, sparkling waters are not only where our residents love to spend their weekends, but they attract visitors to our area.*

*I'm proud to be celebrating the completion of this project — which is helping us protect Holmes Creek and also expand public access to this beautiful water body.*

*By opening Burnt Sock Landing, we're making it much easier for paddlers to enjoy the northern stretch of Holmes Creek—a popular, state-designated canoe trail.*

*Projects like these are win-win for our communities, as they protect our waterways and make it easier for our citizens to get out and enjoy them.*

*The District will invest more than \$250,000 for improvements designed to improve water quality and increase public access at Hightower, Spurling and Like Oak Landings.*

*They continue to move forward with springs restoration and protection projects nearby, along Econfina Creek.*

*If you haven't had a chance to check out how beautiful the project at Pitt and Sylvan Springs turned out, please make it a point to stop by.*

*They're hard at work on a similar project for Williford Springs.*

*We are grateful for the support of the local governments and businesses and look forward to continuing to work with you to enhance and protect the natural treasures of Washington & Holmes counties.*

