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Here are some reasons why making UTVs (Utility Task Vehicles) street legal can be beneficial:

Safety

1. ***Improved visibility***: Street-legal UTVs can be equipped with standard automotive lighting, making them more visible to other road users.
2. ***Better braking***: UTVs designed for street use can have more advanced braking systems, reducing stopping distances.

Practicality

1. ***Increased accessibility***: Street-legal UTVs can provide transportation for people with mobility issues or in areas with limited parking.
2. ***Errand running***: UTVs can be used for short trips, like grocery shopping or visiting local businesses.

Economic Benefits

1. ***Job creation***: A growing market for street-legal UTVs can lead to new job opportunities in manufacturing, sales, and service.
2. ***Local economic growth***: UTV owners may frequent local businesses, contributing to the local economy.

Environmental Benefits

1. ***Alternative to larger vehicles***: UTVs can be a more fuel-efficient option for short trips, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. ***Electric UTV options***: Some UTV manufacturers offer electric models, providing a zero-emission alternative.

Recreational Opportunities

1. ***Expanded trail access***: Street-legal UTVs can provide access to trails and outdoor recreational areas.
2. ***Tourism growth***: UTV-friendly destinations can attract tourists, boosting local economies.

Overall, making UTVs street legal can offer numerous benefits, from improved safety and practicality to economic and environmental advantages.