In 2008, the first Kawasaki RUV (Recreation Utility Vehicle) was introduced. Known as the MULE, its pick-up truck type design made it suitable for almost any job. With a selectable 2WD or 4WD, a Hi/Lo transmission, and a cargo bed, the MULE offered both fun and performance side-by-side. The first MULE was introduced in 1988 and its popularity grew with each new model.

The MULE 500 utility vehicle was introduced in 1990, featuring a personal-sized capacity and a tilting cargo bed. With most of the same advanced features as the MULE 2500, the MULE 550 was introduced in 1994, offering a bench seat for two and a relaxing ride quality. The MULE 550 was compact in size, but still had enough power to carry heavy loads. The MULE 3000 marked the latest evolution in Kawasaki's MULE history, offering a quiet-running liquid-cooled V-Twin engine and turf tyres, making it highly versatile.

The MULE 4010 4x4 series, which began in 1993, featured a 3-cylinder, 953 cm³ diesel engine. The MULE 3010 Trans4x4 model, which was introduced in 2000, offered a new two-mode system for the utility vehicle, giving drivers the option of transporting in four-passenger mode or using cargo space. It was equipped with a 610 cm³ diesel engine, making it a popular choice for woodsmen.

In 2008, Kawasaki expanded its fleet of recreation utility vehicles with the Teryx 750 4x4. Designed to offer high-performance fun for four, it featured a category's only V-Twin engine (the fuel-injected V-Twin engine was based on that of the Teryx 750 4x4 LE upgrade model and Teryx 750 4x4 NRA Outdoors). In addition to the standard model, 2 other variations were offered: the Teryx 750 FI 4x4 LE and the Teryx 750 4x4 LE EPS model. The Teryx 4 offered numerous versatility and comfort features, such as camping, hunting or leisure/recreation activities, with contributions made to mud protection. Complementing its top-level confidence, the Teryx 4 featured cast aluminium wheels, a new opening front hood, and a new stereo system.