Captains Mix and Gregg with their troops of the Second Cavalry were dispatched in pursuit, but after a very hard chase were unable to overtake the marauders.

April 4, the commanding officer of Fort Mills, Mont., reported that Indians had stolen twenty-five or thirty horses the previous night from Countryman's ranch, on the Yellowstone, and that a party of citizens and some friendly Crow Indians had gone in pursuit. On April 5, the same officer reported that Sioux and half-breed Nez Perces had raided the Crow Indians on the Stillwater. On April 6, Indians also attacked the ranch of Sebezzo and Peterson, near Powder River, killed the former, wounded the latter, and ran off eight or ten head of stock. The Indians were recognized as Gros Ventres, and came from the Northwest Territory.

On April 10, the commanding officer of Fort Ellis reported that Indians attempted to steal stock at Young's Point, but were discovered and driven off; on April 14, seven horses were stolen by Indians on Pryor's Fork; on April 22, the same officer reported that some Crow Indian scouts had overtaken a party of Sioux who had stolen horses from Countryman's ranch, and had killed one of the hostiles.

Lieut. S. H. Loder, Seventh Infantry, with fourteen mounted men of the Third and Seventh Infantry, and six Indian scouts, pursued a party of Sioux who had been committing depredations, and on April 17 attacked them near Careless Creek, at the head of the Musselshell Canon, Montana, and killed eight of the hostiles; two of the scouts were killed and one wounded.

May 3, Indians ran off twelve head of stock from the east sidd of the Little Big Horn; the commanding officer of Fort Custer sent a detachment of Crow scouts in pursuit, but the thieves could not be overtaken.